

Enclosure Returned

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10/14/37  
mayor's office  
to

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
October 9, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Att'n: Technical Laboratory

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Southern Pacific Company,  
Sacramento, California;  
Southern Pacific Company,  
San Francisco, California -  
VICTIMS.  
Extortion

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith copy of an application for employment filed on December 14, 1936, by RICHARD H. NEEL, suspect in instant case, with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, Los Angeles.

It is requested that the handwriting appearing in the above-mentioned application be compared with the hand-printed extortion note postmarked Sacramento, California, May 14, 1937, and received on the same date by the Southern Pacific Company, San Francisco, California.

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personnel file at the SPRA failed to reveal any hand-printed specimens.

A copy of the Bureau examiner's findings should be forwarded to the San Francisco Division.

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Encl.  
cc-San Francisco

G. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FILE



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO **9-93**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/10/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/5, 7, 10, 12, 15, 20, 22, 23, 25/37 6/2/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. K. Johnson--IST</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLES GREEN - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**TED LYDA**, Oakland, California, identified as unknown man who called upon **CHARLES W. EICHBAUM**, San Francisco, on April 28, 1937. Denies knowledge of instant case. Fingerprints and handwriting specimens of **LYDA** and **H. ISING**, suspects, obtained, and forwarded to Technical Laboratory. **ISING** also denies knowledge instant case. Certain members of Federal trial jury, on which Victim and **EICHBAUM** served, contacted with negative results. **ED GAMACHE**, unknown at 450 Fell Street. Other employees at Stewart Hotel, San Francisco, of which Victim is manager, not available for interview because of hotel strike. No additional threats received by Victim.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter dated May 5, 1937 (9-2725).  
Letter to the Bureau, dated May 5, 1937.  
Report of Special Agent H. K. Johnson, San Francisco, California, dated May 8, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

At San Francisco, California

Division Office forwarded to the Technical Laboratory, fingerprints

APPROVED AND FORWARDED  <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : E. P. COFFEY

FROM : H. B. LONG

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr, President,  
General Motors Corporation,  
Victim; Extortion  
Bureau file #9-2777

DATE: 6-2-45

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

The file maintained in the Laboratory in this case has been disposed of and there is attached an envelope containing the material which was in the Laboratory File and which is not duplicated in the Investigative File. It is desired that the Records Section file this as an enclosure behind the file.

ENCLOSURE BEHIND FILE

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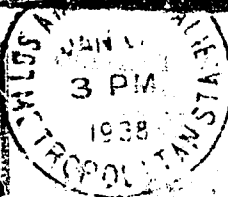
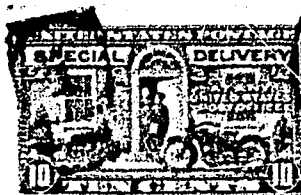
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AIR MAIL



Mr. Alfred P. Sloan,

820 Fifth Ave.,

New York, New York,

PERSONAL.

**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

President

General Motors INC.

Linden N.J.

Personal

Personal

This a sample of my  
hand writing

John Jackson

Witness:  
P. H. H.  
P. H. H.  
P. H. H.

Done at St. Louis

ALFRED P SLON

GENERAL MOTORS CORP

OF LINDEN DIVISION

PERSONAL

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this a sample of my hand  
writing

John Foster

Witness  
P. H.  
J. H.

7-27-77/53



Here is a sample of my best  
writing

John Landon

Between  
Cott.

gale.

man

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H. P. Slon President

General Motors I. N. C.

Lincoln N. J.

Personal Personal

This is a sample of my hand writing

John Fodor

Notes.

1844

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1856-1857

and handwriting specimens of CHARLES GREEN and EDWARD A. STEWART, Managers of the Stewart Hotel, San Francisco, and the fingerprints of CHARLES LOGAN, Chef at the Hotel. No report of examination has been received from the Bureau.

By letter dated May 5, 1937 the Bureau forwarded photographs of the extortion letter and envelope.

Mr. GEORGE AUSTIN, Post Office Inspector, Post Office Building, stated that THEODORE "TED" LYDA is a brother of Mrs. ELLEN ELLIS, one of the defendants in the Nobel train robbery case, and that LYDA at one time worked for the Chevrolet Automobile Agency in Berkeley, California, which is located on Shattuck Street.

Mr. AUSTIN stated that about two months ago LYDA came to his office, and received from Mr. AUSTIN a list of names of the men who had served on the Federal trial jury in the Nobel train robbery case. Mr. AUSTIN stated that he understood that LYDA was to use this list to approach the members of that Federal trial jury, in an effort to obtain recommendations for executive clemency for LYDA's sister, Mrs. ELLEN ELLIS.

Mr. AUSTIN gave Agent the following addresses of the members of the above mentioned Federal trial jury, which Mr. AUSTIN stated appeared in the San Francisco "Call - Bulletin" of August 27, 1931:

WALTER H. MILLER,  
1310 San Luis Avenue,  
Oakland, California.

J. N. ROSEGRANS,  
Investment Company,  
2 Pine Street,  
San Francisco, California.

LEWIS H. HAMILTON,  
650 Geary Street,  
San Francisco, California.

ARTHUR R. DAWSON,  
1450 Greenback Street,  
San Francisco, California.

JOSEPH MILLERSON,  
412 College Avenue,  
Berkeley, California.

Nov 5 - 1937

My Dear Mr. Sloan:

On the afternoon mail there came a most unusual letter. I would gladly send it to you but want to be sure you will return it.

Cecie Claybourne Clagstone is here from England to see why I have failed or been so slow in getting started and after reading the letter insists I write you at once. I quote in part the letter.

Chicago

My Dear Mr. Benjamin:

Never having heard of you I feel strange in addressing you. Do you know Henry M. Robinson. When the hour he died in Pasadena and he has just stood before me declaring that he has been consigned to the fire of purgation since roughs defiled can enter Heaven for ever because he treated you so treacherously. That while he knew you had the solution to the National ills and all, he declined to help you because it was of Catholic Action. When the hour he has seen Baker, Warburg, Rockefellers by the many, Kelly Green and Son Lovelidge Harding Wilson, and many others suffering in the same fires as of Hell because

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this is a sample of my hand  
writing

John Foster

Wetmore  
R.A.P.  
J.A.C.  
Hare

2072 77/53

To President

this is what because of people  
that dont pay up this your second  
woring dont pay and you'll get the  
same. remember no funny stuff the  
airline men are ready to blow you  
sky with just like this picture  
have your money ready

The airline

May 11, 1937

This is your last warning  
Pay up or else remember no funny  
business or the whole Plant will go  
up any how Good luck

the cipher

May 13

if your wise you'll do just as

~~as the cipher says~~ ~~the cipher says~~ the 15 May  
well we mean it



this a sample of my  
hand writing

John Factor

5419 Fathom Hill ave.

To H. S. L. M. Y.

Wm.  
M. Y.  
SAC.  
J. P. C.

9-2772-77453

This a sample of my hand  
writing

John Jordan

5449 Arthurs Hill Rd

To H. S. I. N. Y.

Indonesian  
R. H. H.  
J. H. H.

9-272-72453



Mr. Alfred Pritchard Sloan.  
820 5th Ave..



New York City.  
New York

VIA AIR MAIL

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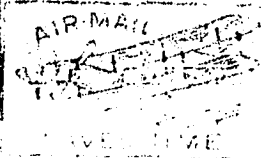
May know of all the numerous things you would know  
and many of what I would advise you. There is but one thing  
I can discuss with you. You are the object of a real miracle.  
I am by Divine power using this body without his knowledge.  
Word has come to him giving him the power to use English  
instead of Latin. I am in entire darkness and will remain

so far as unless you help me. Remember if it was not  
for me you would have no life, so I have a right to ask  
your help. I want you to loan or give to this ~~man~~ Benjamin  
five million dollars. that he may begin at once and the  
minute you send the drops I am free and all strife will  
cease including Industrial, Civil and Religious.

He has appealed to others but sought but trouble and threats  
came of it. Now he has the most able lawyers who now  
will prosecute if trouble comes. We here want you to do  
this. Just remember one thing - your charity frees me  
your refusal means years of sorrow. I can never appeal  
again.

As you once professed devotion

Alfred P Sloan Jr.



Mr Alfred P Sloan Jr.  
820 Fifth Ave.

New York

New York.

Personal



MORRIS K. DAVID,  
400 - 7th Street,  
San Francisco, California.  
Residence:  
Napa, California,  
telephone Napa 1150W.

ALBERT GOLDENBERG,  
432 Fillmore Street,  
San Francisco, California.

ROBERT S. ATKINS,  
150 Sutter Street,  
San Francisco, California.

RALPH C. LEE,  
Gensler - Lee Jewelry Company,  
San Francisco, California.

GEORGE F. ROBBINS,  
2617 San Jose Avenue,  
Alameda, California.

With regard to the jurors above named, J. N. ROSEKRANS, telephone Garfield 5790, stated that he had never received any threats with regard to his service upon the Federal trial jury; that he had never heard of any other members of the jury receiving any threats, or mentioning any incidents possibly connected with their service on the Federal trial jury, and that if he did receive any threats he would immediately notify the San Francisco Division Office.

ROBERT S. ATKINS, 150 Sutter Street, San Francisco, telephone Douglas 5440, telephonically informed Agent to the same effect as Mr. J. N. ROSEKRANS.

At Berkeley, California

Mr. VICTOR DARGILL, Salesman, Chevrolet Agency, 2349 Shattuck Avenue, informed that THEODORE "TED" LYDA no longer worked for this agency, that was relieved by of Berlin for P. S. BILLY. Motor Company, 41st Avenue at East 14th Street, Berkeley, California.

Will come again to give the date as in the case of Mellon.  
Then he was gone. The Matter he wishes me to cite was  
In answer to my prayer and fast I was told to appeal to  
Andrew Mellon ill at Southampton. I did so but his  
children refused to give him the date. Then I was directed  
to tell him of the day - date and hour of his Eternal  
Judgement if he refused. Mr Bruce did not pass this on  
so you can find out if you question him. Had to relate  
he passed on just as specified and your dad tells the  
solution.

Now Sir if you would loan me three Million for one  
year with which to purchase the needed property and  
start my program - I Will return you four Million for your  
great charity and let me assure you that you will be  
given proof of your Dads Satisfaction. Please bear in  
mind that this is a program decided by Heaven. It means  
hard work, fast, persecution for me but since a part of  
Heaven has demanded I proceed. I fully take up the  
burden that humankind may be bettered. If you are not  
to aid me - please Write me and you will hear again  
be bothered.

Sincerely.

William David Benjamin (not a Jew)  
223 West 47<sup>th</sup> St.  
Los Angeles Cal.



Mr. Alfred Pritchard Sloan, Jr.  
Great Neck, Long Island  
New York

Personal



Los Angeles Aug 30 - 1937.

My Dear Sir:

Sorrow attending my inability to get your cooperation caused by my failure to locate you in Europe and my letters to your home not being forwarded caused me two weeks ago to make a vow of great consequence provided I be given a solution to my problem. I was given same with dire results. Yesterday am. With a telegram from the General of the Hierarchy assembled in Convention at St. Paul directing I proceed with all haste since the program I have in mind is the only solution to Industrial, Civil, Economic & Religious Peace and with the many millions at stake provided I get the program started. I went before the Blessed Sacrament pleading for direction and promising to give up all I like in the line of food if shown the way. I hardly had been asleep when I was awakened by a slap on the face to see standing before me the man who said. Write my son Alfred Sloan again. He is now home from Europe etc. to him the incident of ten days ago and tell him that Man is an Eternal Hell. Say to him I want release by his Charly and that I ask his help towards you at once and that the Moment he extends this Charly to you we of his and wife's blood will be at rest. If he refuses, don't believe or cause any disturbance then I

My child you will never appreciate the miracle that lets  
me use this maimed body to make a last appeal to you.  
Last night was sent you a telegram by the London Agent of  
the vast sum available upon this Benjamin getting started.

If you know the house my soul spends in your Broadway  
Office trying to impress you to do what we ask. Your mother  
Clara the Meade kept this man from death last night  
when he was heart broken at failure and had to show  
Caruthers the facts behind his appeal. He has appealed to  
many who have denied him and persecuted him. and I say to  
you that many of these are destined to hell. now had get  
busy and wire the man your draft is enroute. Then God  
will bless you and many years will be given you to see the  
fruits of your charity. If your refusal ere May comes, you  
will be on this side begging for help. Don't tempt the  
act of Almighty God which permits you to be this great  
benefactor. Forgett Else matters and I want the  
proof your charity will give me. You can do it so do so  
in haste without ado. This man's heart is at the  
breaking point. If he dies all is lost for untold millions.  
It is the will of Heaven that you act. Your draft for four  
millions will be returned in a year. God Bless you  
My son and lead you to do this.

A.P.S. Jr.

My Dear Mr. Sloan:

Last Evening as being tormented beyond endurance by Mr. Carruthers, here from England, and taunted as to my inability to give him evidence of my claims. In desperation related to him that I would either show him or end it all.

With those words I picked up a bottle of Cyanide Potassium which I use in Photographic Chemistry, and swallowed a goodly portion. I am not permitted to tell just what happened in the hour in which I was taken to another world. It was commanded that I remain silent until I spoke With Christ's Voice on Earth and then to use the facts which will be backed up as soon as I start My Religious Institute.

However Mr. Carruthers was so upset at what he heard and saw that he threatens to Return to England and Blow the English Church into Atoms. He also asks that I proceed in a legal way to force the facts on the doubters as well as clear up any misunderstandings. I do not feel the time is ripe for this.

I prefer to do what I am to do by peaceful means.

I must of necessity however tell you, that I saw your Father in the state he wishes to escape by your Charity. I saw several Slovans and Meads whom I thought I knew in Kansas City years ago but was told they were relatives of yours on the Maternal Side. They all desire your Charity in this matter.

And Almighty God not to be out done in generosity. Will, because of  
Your Charity pass these on to Eternal Peace.

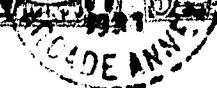
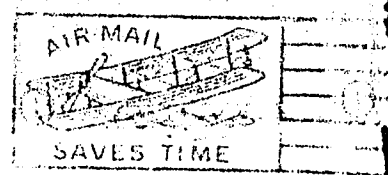
Bear in Mind that I saw in Eternal Fire some of those  
who should have helped. So no matter what man may wish  
to think, There is a burning Hell as assured by Jesus Christ.

Your Dad says - Tell my son that the letter I write him while  
you was out does not tell half the story for I could not hold out  
longer. The Foundation he promotes will give but grief when  
he comes here. He can write you a draft today for five  
million and get it to you on Sunday or Monday. That by  
Tuesday you may buy the property and by Wire remittance  
can others. Say to all that 60 million will be lost if he does  
help and when God judges him, he will be held accountable.

The worst of it is for that if I don't succeed, I will pay the penalty  
of my act of self destruction last night. So see it is insured  
that I make this last appeal to you tonight. He tells me to send it  
to this address. I pray God I may have your wife at once.  
If needed I can have hundreds of friends Christ bear with you  
of the facts. I have decided so far because I feel you and  
I certainly do not want the publicity.

Awaiting your wire this draft is enroute I am

Over  
William Daniel Benjamin.  
233 West 47<sup>th</sup> St. Los Angeles.



VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Alfred. Putchard Sloan.

Mr. Anderson, 820 5th Ave.,

New York City

New York

Fee Claimed by Office  
of First Address

Personal



help. If you loan me three million for one year  
I will repay you within six months.

I will send you the Chicago letter and the two  
demands made by the Vatican whereby I get the  
sixty million if I succeed.

I shall await your check and will come to  
you at once if you ask it.

Just bear this in mind. It is the God who  
Created you and will judge you and your own  
father who asks you to lend me by this loan.

Is it not better to grant their wish than to spend  
eternity repaying it.

I am fully aware what  
some think of me but ask any one of them if they  
have been found worthy of heavenly manifestations.

Assuring your wife that drops has been sent. I am

William David Benjamin

553 West 47th Street

Los Angeles. Calif

I have just stopped the following telegram.

Wm David Benjamin 820 5th Ave N.Y.C. N.Y.

In confirming data in today's letter your senior continuously  
asks reliance through your charity in granting loan, assuming  
you of early repayment. Act without delay. Write me if unable  
that I may explain same to Vatican.

Paul Claybourne Calverstone

Saturday P.M. 540

My Dear Mr. Sloan:

Ever since the arrival of the letter from Chicago and my letter to you yesterday, your father Alfred P Sloan Sr. has been with me continuously pleading that I go to you direct that he may make the appeal that your charity would free him from purgatorial bonds.

Because of the facts in the case I called high ecclesiastical authorities who agree that it is your father and to one of two facts. He is either in purgation awaiting delivery through your charity or he is an evil spirit and it is impossible to believe that such could be the case.

He just now says to tell you that he wants freedom at once and that this is the only route and that if you gave all it would not keep him.

As just God has spoken and allows him to appeal for this aid to me and promises him eternal rest if you comply.

All persons wished to telegraph you at once.

I have stopped this because of the publicity. I want none of that. But I do feel that now you will





Mr. Alfred Pritchard Sloan.

820 5th Ave., 2nd Office of  
of First Address

New York City,

New York.

Personal



At Oakland, California

Agent interviewed THEODORE "TED" LYDA, at the F. H. Bailey Motor Company, 41st Avenue at East 14th Street, where LYDA has been employed as a mechanic for several months. LYDA denied having any knowledge of instant case. He admitted calling upon CHARLES HICHAUM in an effort to obtain a recommendation for clemency for LYDA'S sister, Mrs. ELLEN MILLIS. He stated that he had intended calling upon all members of the Federal trial jury which tried Mrs. ELLEN MILLIS in the Nobel train robbery case, but because of Mr. HICHAUM'S rough reception of him, he became discouraged, and did not call upon anyone else.

He exhibited to Agent a list of names of the Federal trial jurors, previously mentioned, which he had used in calling upon Mr. HICHAUM. He stated that he had never been arrested or in any trouble.

At the time of the mailing of the extortion letter, on April 17, 1937, LYDA stated that he was dining with his wife at a well known cafeteria in Oakland, California; that he often dined at this cafeteria at the end of the week with his wife. He stated that he was positive that he had not been in San Francisco on April 17, 1937.

Fingerprints were obtained of THEODORE "TED" LYDA, and are being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for comparison with the latent prints found upon the extortion writings.

Eight pages of handwriting specimens were obtained from THEODORE "TED" LYDA, which are being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for comparison with the instant extortion writings. The specimen pages numbered one to four were written by LYDA in pencil with his right hand, in a comfortable position, without a forced rate or speed. The specimen pages numbered five to eight, inclusive, were written by LYDA in pencil with his left hand, the time consumed being approximately twice as long as that consumed in preparing the identical specimens with his right hand.

My Dear Mr. Snowden.

Like a drowning man, this letter is my last straw. My advisors feel that my letters to you were never received. With the demands made by the Vatican and the assured donor of the large sum assured with the promise I become established. It has been decided by Authorities over which I have no control that a Nation Wide Radio give the whole data to the American Public. With Japan doing what your late father demanded I will pay and all the other balances as given by Heaven and by the demand that I found the Institute. I feel that perhaps you might appreciate this last opportunity to help. Before the appeal is made to the whole Nation over the Radio for their absolute facts must be given that will shake all. I do not ask a gift. Just a loan of Two Million on property appraised at \$1 Million. By your cooperation all humanity would be helped and your late father speeded to the Peace he desires. It does not seem possible that any man would refuse help to his own flesh and blood when they could help.

If you will make me this loan. let me know  
at once what I may hope Radio Broadcast etc.  
I will give you the Carg Estate as security  
and return your loan within a year with  
a certified check for three million dollars.  
In asking only for two, I will do no building  
until I get the other funds.

This final appeal is made at the solemn  
Command of Alfred P Sloan Sr. who if  
needed will give you more data as to  
his desire and state.

Hoping to have your cooperation at once I am,

William David Benjamin  
233 West 47 Street.  
Los Angeles Cal.

# ISTENTISZTELET SORRENDJE:

1938 JANUÁR 23.

## 1. Előjáték. (Orgona)

### 2. Kezdő Ének: LXXXIV-ik Zsolt. 1 - 2 versei.

Óh seregeknek Istene! Mily kedves gyönyörűsége, A te szerelmes hajlékidnak! Az én lelkem fohászkodik, Tornáczodba kívánczik, Óh Istene a magasságnak! Áhítzik testem, lelkem, Te hozzád élő Istenem.

Óh, boldog az ember nyilván, Aki a te utaidban, Kíván járni szíved, lélekked; Ahol vannak te oltárid, És te szentséges hajlékid, Hol dicsértetel felségesen, Bizony boldog az oly ember, Ki téged házában tisztel.

### 3. Fennálló ének: ( Dallama: XXV-ik Zsoltár.)

Ur Isten mi sok szükségét, Érezvén körülöttünk, Segedelem kérés végett, E szent helyre feljöttünk. Uram a könyörgőnek, Ihled meg szívét és száját, A téged tisztelőnek, Áldd és szenteld meg munkáját.

### 4. Gyermek prédikáció.

### 5. Vasárnapi iskola éneke: Jézus akarja hogy fényes szép napsugár legyek, Érte világítsak s édes örömet terjesszek. Sugára a napnak, Jézus akarja hogy legyek, Sugára a napnak, Jézus sugára leszek.

Jézusom sugára leszek, Ő fényt ad és erőt; Itt néki szolgálak s ott fent, Örökké látom Őt! Sugára a napnak, Jézus akarja hogy legyek, Sugára a napnak, Jézus sugára leszek.

### 6. Nagy Ének: 100-ik Dicséret. (Saját dallam)

Mennyben lakó én Istenem! Vedd füledbe dicséretet! Téged dicsér egész világ, Néked köszön a kis virág; Erős vihar kis gyenge szél, Tenger patak hozzád beszél, Az ég s a föld telve veled: Legyen áldott a te neved!

Mennyben lakó én Istenem! Könyörgök légy mindig velem! Ha kél a fény napkeleten, A te szemed rajtam legyen! És ha leszáll napnyugaton, Te légy Atyám az oltalom! Terjeszd ki rám áldó kezed: Legyen áldott a te neved!

### 7. Ima - Uri ima - Textus - Közének:

Megáll az Istennek igéje, És nem állhat senki ellene, A nagy Isten vagyon mi velünk, És szent lelke lakozik bennünk.

### 8. Prédikáció.-Utó ima.-Áldás.-Hirdetések.

### 9. Záró ének: Hallók Uram szent Igédnek, Gyönyörűséges hangját, Erzők drága kegyelmednek, Szívet megható lángját. Ennél drágább és jobb kincs, Tudjuk az életben nincs.

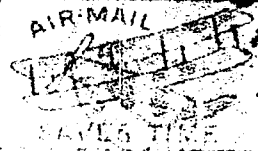
Ird be Uram mi szívünkbe, A meghallott beszédet, Erősíts gyenge hitünkbe, Hogy megtartsuk igédet, És kövessük az utat, Mely az életre mutat.

### 10. Utójáték. (Orgona)

Február 20-án lesz egyházunk nagy színelőadása. Vegye meg jegyét mindenki előre, így 10 centtel olcsóbb.

Az egyetlen szeretet-intézmény Amerikában magyar testvéreink számára: "AZ AMERIKAI MAGYAR REFORMÁTUS EGYESÜLET" Lépjen be még ma - mert holnap talán már késő lehet!.

Mr. Alfred Hitchcock  
or  
Greene Sloan.  
Great Neck, Long Island  
New York.



Quickly  
Personal.

they or theirs had bought Charly as I and  
that until you fulfill the Will of the Divine God  
destruction Will Come. Could any one of us  
return to life for a minute we all would give  
our all to set your Institute in motion.

Appeal to Alfred Pritchard Sloan and tell  
him that all of us ask him to help you  
instantly by wiring you three million dollars  
that you may begin at once. It is Gods  
Will that Sloan Help you and if he does  
he Will reap great reward and His Father  
and we by his Chanty Will be free.

Then the letter went on to give me instruction  
as to what I must do and the strange part of it  
is that all that was said had been decided upon  
by Claystone and myself before the letter came.

With these facts before you I feel that I Will  
have your drafts by return mail or by wire which  
as a loan I Will return in one year or less.  
My drafts Will be for four million.

I feel Confident you do not desire that anything

God send you a personal appeal for that means  
giving a final accounting.

Write me if you want the letter I just received  
concerning your draft. I am.

William David Benjamin (McFar),  
233 West 47 Street.

Los Angeles

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is now given a few hours in which to do as his father directed and unless he complies he knows not the hour when he will be called to give an explanation of his refusal on the giving of this other sum which will come to no good. He was told why he was asked to help Benjamin found this new institute and can now see from the statement of the japs that is their aim and unless Benjamin sound his program and makes atonement by same, expensing the Triune God, and the wealth of the white race will be confiscated and they made paupers because not one could be found who would have faith. This man Benjamin has been greatly favored by Almighty God and will begin a great work. Sloan at his fathers command will loan this Benjamin three million dollars and wire it to him at once. It is not man asking same but the Triune God who created him and will all to soon judge him. The threat his servant made against this man would bring great damages if he present same in court and has proven himself a gentleman when he did not do so even after a chief justice ruled that he should. Say to A.P. Sloan that Frank Billings Kellogg and Newton Baker say to tell him that purgation is a fact and they are there and will remain so for a long time but that Sloan owes it to his father to releive him and since it is Gods Woly Will he will act at once.

Then with instructions to me relative to what I should council Benjamin is doing he was gone proving to me that he came direct from Heaven to address me.

I do not know what more to add. It seems impossible that anyman of the means would allow his own parent to suffer when by a loan he could release him. You perhaps have some reason but let me assure you that Almighty God has spoken and I am but the humble servant used to give same to you. I am not so good with the English so ask you pardon all my errors. I shall not mention to Benjamin as he ing written you but I ask in the name of Almighty God and this beloved Father of yours that you hasten to comply with their desire. I can give you many facts proving the facts but is it necessary. I have made plans that he will be able to get the property at once provided you help. In the event you will not or desire more information wire me at once. I have feared that Almighty God may make his desire known before long and in a way that cannot be remedied and which will bring sorrow for all eternity. I can say in conclusion that if you will not believe unless you see your own father and talk to him that same will be granted but the result will cause you untold agony. Let me say in conclusion that I have read the facts. Benjamin was right when he said that Japan would make slaves of the Chinese and together ship Russia, causing revolt in all India and they together making slaves of the white race. God has given a solution an man has made demands, the greatest of which is that Benjamin establish his program and it is with the loan of three million that he will do this. You can wire him at his residence, 230 west 47th street, that you are sending your draft and I can assure you that you will be repaid within a year at most.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Father Antinous, C.F.M.

Los Angeles,  
January 6th, 1938.

Mr. Alfred P. Sloan.  
My Dear Sir:

In my orders to come to this city to consult with the subject of this epistle and bringing the command of the ruler of Christendom that Mr. Benjamin put in writing every instance in connection with the manifestations made and his desire to found a religious institute of which I am but within the hour made to understand that you are fully conversant with, I had no idea that I was to meet with the experience that has been mine.

Had Mr. Benjamin any information as to my coming or did he know that years ago I knew a very holy man in Padua, then I might have some misgivings.

I had telephoned to Mr. Benjamin for an appointment when suddenly I saw standing before the desk the famed Father Urban of Padua, long dead.

When I asked him in the name of God what he desired he made answer as follows,

Almighty God sends me to you with this declaration, Before going further you will tell Alfred Hritchard Sloan of 620 Fifth Ave., New York that no matter what he wishes to think and his giving the late ten million will in no way do one whit of good the fact remains that his beloved Father remains in the fire of purgation and will do so until this son fulfills the wish made or that the son enters the same state to remain there until atonement is done. He

Los Angeles,  
November 16th, 1937.

My Dear Sir:


I arrived in America with the one intention of proving the claims made by Mr. Benjamin and the manifestations given to him as false, in fact pure bunk. Not that it made any difference to me for if my employer wished to give his estate for same, it is none of my consideration. To my great amazement and astonishment, I have been greatly changed. I shall begin by asking you a simple question.

What would you give or loan to stop the carnage and destruction that is Spain from being visited upon America other than what is happening in Spain is but a small degree as to what will happen in America and England.

I had an appointment this morning at half after seven with Mr. Benjamin in which I was to demand the proof of what he has stated. At a little after six I was awakened to find my mother dead twenty years standing at my side. She remarked in a language unknown to Benjamin and at the time he was miles away in bed, that I was to give you a final solution of this matter and ask your immediate consideration. She tells me that within four years America and all its property will lie in ruins unless Almighty God is appeased and that by Divine command the solution has been given to Benjamin. She makes it plain that what is going on in Spain is mere child's play as to what will be the outcome here. When America allows its citizens to go to Spain and fight for the cause that is an insult to the Triune Creator, God will bring ruin if need be to show men the facts. Then the Industrial condition, Civil and religious must be set aright. Then as suddenly as I saw her I saw your late Father who demanded that I appeal to you in his name and I was to say to you that he thanked God there was a purgation. If not he would be in eternal hell and that your charity now would free him and that your foundation was the cause of your never being given pardon unless you did as he says. I get no further information from him other than that he desires you make a loan of half a million to Benjamin by wiring same at once that he in making a down payment will get the property and begin his program which will appease the Triune God and make for Peace. He says the clergy must be taken out of politics as in a part of Benjamin's aim and when all is peace you will be repaid. He demands that you make this loan or gift by wire if possible and all will be well and that the moment you do this he will because of your charity pass on to Eternal Peace.

Need I say more. When a father from the confines of the fires of purgation asks relief, can one dare doubt. I can assure you that your act now means that Benjamin will get many millions in the near future and will start his plan at once. After the above demonstration I got Benjamin out of bed by telephone and have since had a demonstration that no thinking man could deny. I hasten to get this appeal to you and trust that you will wire him that your draft is enroute. I shall then Cable the Vatican and London that he has at last found success.

In all sincerity,

  
Arthur MacCarthy,  
86 Church Road E.12,  
London, England.

Mrs. THEODORE "TED" LYDA was interviewed with her husband, and she verified, without any prompting, the statements made by her husband concerning dinner at the above mentioned cafeteria in Oakland, early in the evening of April 17, 1937, at the time the extortion letter was mailed in San Francisco. She further stated that she was not sure, but felt certain that her husband had not visited San Francisco on April 16 or 17, 1937.

The following is a description obtained of THEODORE "TED" LYDA, by observation and questioning:

Name	THEODORE "TED" LYDA.
Age	35 years.
Birth date	April 26, 1902, at Casselton, North Dakota.
Height	5'9".
Weight	165 lbs.
Build	Medium.
Hair	Dark blond.
Teeth	Fair.
Complexion	Fair.
Mustache	Small dark blond.
Eyes	Blue.
Nose	Straight.
Scars and marks	Burns, left forearm. Tattoo, star, left forearm; horses head and horseshoe; butterfly; woman's head with sombrero, right forearm; burns under both arms from arm-pits.
Address	Business: F. H. Bailey Motor Company, 41st Avenue at Franklin Street, Oakland, California. 413 Franklin Street, Oakland, California

Mr. and Mrs. ED LOEFFLER, 430 Fell Street, informed Agent that they had lived at that address for two years, and that they never heard of ED GAMMEL, Oakland, previously reported to have lived at that address. They stated that Mrs. LOEFFLER was the landlady of the first 430 Fell Street.

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earth! Tell him your needs today and we pray  
he Wines you keep at once for if God Calls him he  
Will merit eternal fire as it now stands for all men  
are his brothers and serfdom brings punishment.  
And he was gone.

By not purchasing the vast acreage - I could  
manage with a loan of three million for six months.  
If you decide to back me by making this loan and  
wire it to me at once I will return you four million  
in six months.

I must have the keep now and shall be grateful  
beyond words if you decide to keep.

If you have doubts - Why not fly here incognito and  
get the information you desire. I feel certain you  
do not want contact with the soul in purgation.  
I have seen and know of what I speak.

If you cannot keep me - Wire me and I will cable  
the balance of my failure.

Very Sincerely.

William David Benjamin (not a Jew)

233 West 47<sup>th</sup> St.

Los Angeles. Cal

July 6-1937.

My Dear Mr. Sloan.

This morning with complete failure before me, I went before the Altar of God, asking for guidance or release from the vows I have taken.

I cannot tell you who it was but I saw a lovely gentleman standing before me. His words were. Appeal to Sloan and tell my little boy that I desire release with others of his clan from these fires. His charity is the only key that will set us free. Ask him if he is ready today to give an accounting to his Eternal Judge as all men must or would he that I divulge facts that will pauperize him.

I then said - What's the use. Mr. Sloan either does not believe me, don't believe in purgatory or don't give a damn. I replied and placed a finger upon the paper I was holding and at once it burst into fire. Tell him I am so desirous of his help and that if he refuses longer I will burn him to last through life as I did this paper to settle him on that score. If there was not a purgatory - then most men would be in Hell which is fire. As to believing you - would he take the word of worldlying who dance as his word like puppets or the Will of God who has designated that you do this work. I, A. V. was sent by God to yes

kind upon the above depends the free gift of  
fifteen Million pounds to erect the great project  
in its entirety: Thus it is that I again  
appeal to you. If you would make me the loan  
for one year. I will give you a million for  
your faith and Charity. But I must act  
at once.

Write me if you cannot keep.  
But since a Saint of Heaven says you can  
I feel that I will have your word that a  
draft is enroute. In return your wealth  
will be increased an hundred fold.  
your Heavenly reward will be beyond the  
telling and you will live to see all this  
come about. (96)

Awaiting your momentous decision  
and Great Help. I am,

William David Benjamin  
233 West 47 Street  
Los Angeles.  
Calif.



Mr. Alfred Pritchard Sloan, Jr.  
Great Neck.  
Specimen Dec Long Island.  
New York.  
Personal.





Los Angeles July 3-1937.

My Dear Mr. Sloan:

After four days of fasting in the hope I might be given a solution to my great problem. The answer came this afternoon in the suggestion I appeal to you. I am told that you have my appeal. In fact I have sought aid from so many sources, that it does not surprise me to know I have asked you.

If you will telephone the Cabrini Institute, New York you will find that Mother Cabrini performed a major miracle upon me and same is a part in the proceedings for her Canonization in Vatican City.

In asking for the large loan of you for a year, it is to purchase the property of which I enclose rough pictures and begin the foundation of this New Religious Institute that will bring men back to God, give Industrial Peace to the Nation and avoid Civil revolution which is to come unless man is made to know just what is important.

All thinking men must well know that Industrial Conditions today border on or are in fact revolution. A living wage - yes but full

return for that wage, loyalty to the Employer and no leadership of Reds - be they high or low.

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
FOREIGN	DOMESTIC
FULL RATE	FULL RATE
CDE	DAY LETTER
URGENT	SERIAL SERVICE
DEFERRED	NIGHT MESSAGE
RADIO LETTER	NIGHT LETTER

NO.	CASH OR CNG.
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# RADIOGRAM

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TO ALL THE WORLD — BETWEEN IMPORTANT U.S. CITIES. — TO SHIPS AT SEA

Send the following Radiogram "Via RCA" subject to terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Dear Mr. Sloan:

When you saw and heard me out I saw you did not give me the courtesy of a word of refusal. I of necessity had to send the facts to the Vatican. There then came an order that I was to edit the facts and from every angle under the title "I had to show them"

With the approbation of the Vatican and other world famous men, I saw the opinion that in a very short time I could sell enough copies to permit me to get started. In this volume I was to cite every instance as well as enumerate the proofs given by those dead to certify their desires as well as the services rendered upon me by the lawyers as those to whom I made requests and the abuse of Government agencies in trying to scare me out. I have never wanted a cent for

my work. I was morning I went out and brought the books to show my book and as I came in the back door I saw your butler who said. Make one last appeal to my Lord. He can make you the personal loan on after lunch I am to be paid if I have the book he will keep the loan when you repay it. Tell him for me that if you publish all the facts it will cause

443 South Spring Street

Los Angeles

Phone: Michigan 1181

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Sender's Name and Address  
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Form 100-L-10-10-10

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Industrial revolution and the good the book would accomplish will be done by what you aim to do. Say to Al for me that if he makes you this loan at once, I will come again to direct him to Gold in Arizona and if he promises to give you one third I will take out one hundred times that what I ask him to give you. Three hundred million. If going to Religion there will be no tax and he will become the world's richest man for his charity towards this program that has Almighty God as author and you his humble servants. Tell Al to act at once and when you the loan if he will and so on as you have completed your plans. I will give all the minute directions even to the names name who now has done on this thing.

Then asking that I make this statement to you at once and with instructions as to what I would do with one hundred million He dissolved before me. What more can I add.

I will make the the loan of three million - before at the time and so on as my stage you will get the instructions he promises.

Sincerely,

William David Benjamin  
233 West 47th St. Los Angeles.  
Los Angeles

Aug 5-1937

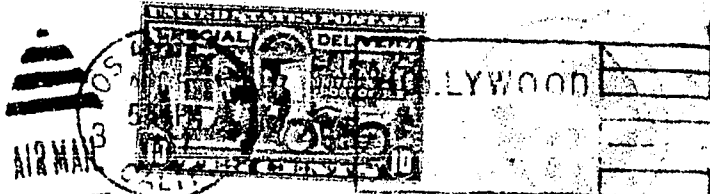
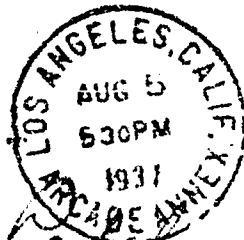
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Mr. Alfred Richard Sloan Jr.  
Great Neck, Long Island.  
New York.

Personal

the Coan at once Al and if you have doubts - Write his lawyer  
Richard Welsh Jr. Riverside who can attest the facts but  
in doing that it may bring the penalty my act did. You are  
not ready for the Angel of death yet so set aside doubts and act.

Baker - Pullman - Stillman - Maurice - Green and others ask you  
to act at once so purchase can be made on Friday the second.

Write him at Los Angeles on receipt of this that you will  
telegraph the money on Friday to Riverside in care of the lawyer.

If you do this and say nothing to any one you will be rewarded  
beyond comprehension and at least if the laws Roosevelt is  
planning - you will have five million to rely on which will be  
returned as soon as England funds arrive and you have the  
word of us all that it will be repaid and you will live to  
see peace come to America and Roosevelt and his Reds  
in hades where they belong. Dont delay for now you are  
the object of a Major Miracle. To ignore it brings great  
penalty and your charity will help us all on to a happy Eternity.  
The Son of God left but one Religion! We must pay the price who  
ignore it. I am addressing this to Irene also so she  
may bring it to your attention at once no matter where you are  
and if you knew the men of means who are in Eternal Hell

My Dear Sloan. Worldly differences are unknown here. By a special dispensation of the Triune God and because so much is at stake, I am permitted without this being knowledge to use his body to Contact you. The Hell I have had for the last 48 hours all the money in the world is not worth.

When William David Benjamin came to me asking for a personal loan of five Million dollars to found a Religious Institute as given him by a Rains of Heaven and that he was to undo the work of the Murderer Henry 8<sup>th</sup> Somerset. Elizabeth the Harlot and Murderer. Knox the Mamee, Luther the Suicide and others, and save America from Civil War which he feared was the aim of high up. and if possible impeach Roosevelt. I saw the need for all he said but when he told me he was to get fifteen Million pounds to do all this in building a great Institute. I withheld the loan. The very second death took me, I saw my great error and am paying the penalty. Now it is that I am in this body tonight asking you to loan the above mentioned man living with his mother aged 77 to whom he is devoted at 233 West 47 Street, Los Angeles. the sum of five Million dollars, telegraphing him that your draft is enroute so he can buy the property the Saint of Heaven specified and begin his great program. Write

Mrs. SHEERAN, landlady at 450 Fell Street, informed that she had managed the flats at 450 Fell Street, and adjoining numbers, for several years, and that she did not recall a tenant by the name of ED GAVACHE.

Mr. CHARLES GREEN, Victim, Stewart Hotel, telephonically informed Agent that he would make a further effort to ascertain the last known address of ED GAVACHE, and notify the San Francisco Division Office.

He stated he had received no additional threats, or any information which would throw any light on instant case. He further stated that in view of the hotel strike, all the employees at that hotel were away, none available for interview, their addresses not being known.

After several calls at Room 331 Niagara Hotel, 789 Howard Street, telephone Kearny 5324, in an effort to interview H. ISING, former employee in the kitchen at the Stewart Hotel, and a suspect, H. ISING called at the San Francisco Division Office, and denied any knowledge of instant case. His fingerprints were obtained, and are being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for comparison with the latent prints developed in instant case.

Six pages of handwriting specimens were obtained from ISING, and are being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for comparison with the instant extortion writings. These handwriting specimens were made in pencil, pages numbered one to three being written with the right hand in a comfortable position, at a normal rate of speed, and pages four to six being written with the left hand, in a comfortable position. The specimens made by the left hand required approximately twice as long as the specimens made by the right hand.

Mr. ISING stated that he had observed, while employed at the Stewart Hotel for a few days, early in April, 1937, two men employed in the kitchen, whose appearance and manner would be such as to cause him to suspect them of possibly writing instant extortion letter. He did not recall the full names of these men. He stated that one's first name was "ED", a short fellow, who talked about gambling. "ED" carried a photograph of a woman, and took care of the hotel's silver and glassware at the time of ISING's employment.



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Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party.  
Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party.  
Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party;  
Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party;  
Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party?  
So live that when thy summons comes to join the innumerable  
caravan that moves to that mysterious realm, thou go,  
not like a quarry slave scorged to his dungeon, but scathed  
and sustained by an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave  
like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and  
lies down to pleasant dreams.

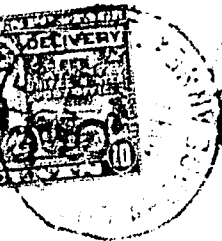
Taken by Special Agent, Marvin T. Small, Federal  
Bureau of Investigation, United State Department of  
Justice, July 9, 1938. at 3532 McCollum St., Los Angeles,  
California.



Mr. Charles Lange,  
343 Resor Ave. Cliff.  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

STRICTLY  
CONFIDENTIAL.

Mr. Alfred P. Sloan,  
30 Rockefeller Center,  
New York City, New York.



9-2777-91  
May 4, 1937.

Mr. Charles Lange,  
Utah Copper Company,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mr. Lange.

You and your associates are to take immediate action and see to receive immediate anonymous wires, letters and reports from the various claims of subsidiaries from P.O. to the fact that a rich vein that will average about 40% copper, 30% lead, 20% silver and 10% gold has been found. Also that another vein in such and such locality has been improving to the extent that the percentages are about 25% copper, 25% lead, 30% silver and 20% gold, and the run to gold may prove about \$18.00 to the ton.

It is up to you and your associates to find means and ways to receive these anonymous reports. You are then to release said report as information to the stock exchange, to various newspapers, to the banks and to any other sources that will give immediate action to raise said stock of P. Utah to about \$16.00 or more per share, within the period of time here mentioned and before releasing said information you and associates are to purchase of P.O. on May 17 at opening of market 1000 shares, same amount at noon. On May 18 at opening 1000 shares at noon; same amount at 2:00 P.M. On May 19 at opening 1000 shares at noon; 1000 shares at 2:00 P.M. On May 20 at opening 1000 shares; at noon 3000 shares, then release above information and place order for 5000 shares and continue same until stock is run up to above \$16.00 per share.

Then on May 21 you start selling and take profits as then about certain property and claims will be offered to your organization by one who needs the cash and which stock is very valuable and certain corporations have been trying to obtain it until now said party was not financially embarrassed. However, it is up to you to take it. But that we are interested in is that you and your associates carry out above instructions to the very detail and keep this information confidential. Do you and your associates understand this. My associates are in that locality and will stay there until above is carried out without deviation in any shape, manner or form or divulge its confidence, outsiders. Then it will prove very unprofitable in many ways and as to you, yours and your associates and theirs.

Should your corporation care to get the benefit of per deal of ours after this one is consummated then place following in Chicago Tribune for three days after above transaction. "Attorney C. A. C. we are interested in any other worthwhile promotion have to offer and optional in future to accept it or not."

Yours truly,

November 28, 1939

9-5111

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

Re: William David Benjamin,  
alias F. X. Cabrini; George  
O'Brien, Victim; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report #31545  
of November 22, 1939 in the above-entitled case and your  
letter of November 9, 1939, it is assumed of course that  
the connection with other cases already identified with  
subject is understood. It should be made a matter of  
record in each case in which subject is the writer of the  
letters. These include the following:

Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.  
President, General Motors  
Corporation, Victim; Extortion  
Bureau File #9-2777

William D. Benjamin  
Mrs. Post Whitten, Victim  
Extortion;  
Bureau File #9-701

William D. Benjamin  
Dr. William Mayo  
Victim; Extortion  
Bureau File #9-701

William David Benjamin  
George Peppardine, Victim  
Extortion;  
Bureau File #9-201

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- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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William B. Benjamin  
John E. [Redacted], et al;  
[Redacted]; [Redacted];  
[Redacted] File #7-4716

Photographic copies of 1, 2, 3 and  
[Redacted] herewith to your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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September 23, 1939

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**William D. Benjamin; John G. [redacted] Dr. Faggoner, Dr. - [redacted] Extortion.**

As a result of examination conducted in the Technical Laboratory of this Bureau, it has been determined that William D. Benjamin, the subject in this case, is identical with William David Benjamin, who has committed numerous other letters in connection with the following cases:

**William D. Benjamin;  
Alfred P. [redacted] Founder,  
President, General Electric  
Corporation, [redacted]  
Extortion.**

**William D. Benjamin;  
Doctor William Mayo,  
Victim; Extortion.**

**William D. Benjamin;  
Mrs. Park [redacted] Victim;  
Extortion.**

**William David Benjamin;  
George Peppardine, Victim;  
Extortion.**

A check of the Bureau files reflects that the Department has been furnished with copies of all of the reports in the above-named cases except the following which are being furnished to you herewith:

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Report of Special Agent C. D. White, dated at Los Angeles, California, November 13, 1935, Special Agent F. L. Fallon, dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1935, and Special Agent C. D. White, dated at Los Angeles, California, January 20, 1936, all in the case entitled "William David Benjamin; Mrs. Park [redacted] Victim; Extortion".

Report of Special Agent F. G. McLeary, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 20, 1937, in the case entitled "William David Benjamin; Dr. William Mayo, Victim; Extortion".

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~~Memorandum for~~  
~~Attorney General~~

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September 23, 1939

The following memoranda in the case entitled "Unknown  
Subjects; William J. Harrison, Jr., President, General  
Motors Corporation - Racketeering, Extortion":

Report of Special Agent L. A. Newcom,  
dated at New York City, May 18, 1937.

Report of Special Agent W. D. Fay,  
dated at Newark, New Jersey, May 19, 1937.

Report of Special Agent L. G. Healey,  
dated at Newark, New Jersey, July 9, 1937.

Report of Special Agent E. C. Wilson,  
dated at Newark, New Jersey, March 26, 1938.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures



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August 10, 1939

AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge  
Dallas, Texas

Re: William D. Benjamin;  
John G. Gardner, et al.  
Victims; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

As a result of a search of the anonymous letter file it has been concluded that the writer of the questioned letter in this case listed in the laboratory as Q1 through Q3 is the same William David Benjamin who has written numerous other letters in connection with the cases entitled:

Unknown Subjects; William D. Benjamin;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President Dr. William Mayo - Victim;  
General Motors Corporation, Victim; Extortion. Bureau File 9-701.  
Extortion. Bureau File 9-2777.

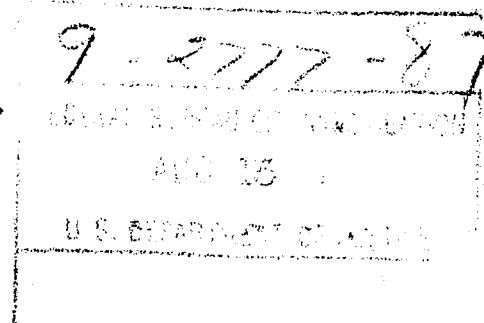
William D. Benjamin; William David Benjamin;  
Mrs. Post Hutton, Victim; George Peppardine - Victim;  
Extortion. Extortion. 9-2911.  
Bureau File 9-701.

The Los Angeles Field Division is the office of origin for all of these cases with the exception of the Alfred P. Sloan case which originated in New York.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc-New York  
Los Angeles



WMA:ANK  
9-4718

August 10, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Identification in  
Anonymous Letter File.

In connection with the case entitled William D. Benjamin; John G. Gardner; Mr. Waggoner, Senior, Victim; Extortion, Bureau File 9-4718 a search was made of the anonymous letter file maintained in the laboratory. As a result of the search conducted in this case it was possible to identify as the writer of the questioned letter one William D. Benjamin as the same William David Benjamin who has written numerous other letters in connection with the cases entitled:

Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., Pres.  
General Motors Corporation,  
Victim; Extortion.  
Bureau File #9-2777.

William D. Benjamin;  
Dr. Wm. Mayo, Victim;  
Extortion.  
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William D. Benjamin;  
Mrs. Post Hutton, Victim;  
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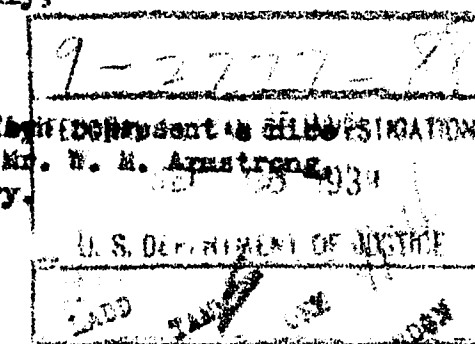
William David Benjamin;  
George Peppardine, Victim;  
Extortion.  
Bureau File 9-2911.

The interested Field Divisions have been advised of this identification.

Respectfully,

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Addendum: These identifications were accomplished by Mr. W. M. Armstrong, apprentice examiner in the laboratory.



The following description was obtained of ISIMO from observation and questioning:

Name	H. ISIMO.
Address	729 Howard Street, Niagara Hotel, Room 331.
Age	39 years.
Birth date	August 19, 1897, at Schwelm, Westphalia, Germany. Arrived in United States 1936.
Height	6'.
Weight	180 to 185 lbs.
Hair	Light brown, few streaks of gray. Parted in middle, combed back, well groomed.
Eyes	Gray.
Build	Medium.
Complexion	Fair.
Teeth	Fair.
Speech	Has accent.
Occupation	Steward or storekeeper, last worked at Hotel Stewart, San Francisco, for one or two weeks, as a pot-washer, early in April, 1937. Left because Chef LCGAN thought he washed pots slowly. States formerly worked at Hotel Bilt- more, Los Angeles. 1/8" scarification, deep, between below left temple. 1/8" birthmark, slightly red tinge, lower right jaw. Freckles, forehead and back of neck. Sunburned.
Education	Real Progymnasium Military School and College, Schwelm, Germany, 14 years old when left Germany.
Marital status	Single.
Relatives	None living.

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Dr. Wm. Mayo, Victim;  
Extortion.  
Bureau File 9-701.

William D. Benjamin;  
Mrs. Post Hutton, Victim;  
Extortion.  
Bureau File 9-701.

William David Benjamin;  
George Pepperdine, Victim;  
Extortion.  
Bureau File 9-2911.

The interested Field Divisions have been advised of this identification.

Respectfully,

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Addendum: These identifications, which represent a piece of work, were accomplished by Mr. H. M. Armstrong, apprentice examiner in the laboratory.

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Laboratory Report

Case:

Lenap

January 18, 1939

Number:

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Specimens:

Requested that the paper used in connection with instant case be compared with the paper used in the case entitled, Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President, General Motors Corporation; Extortion; Bureau file #9-2777.

Examination requested by:

Director (answer to W. E. Gurnea at New York)

Date received:

1/11/39

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Blackburn

As requested in the Director's memorandum to the Laboratory dated January 9, 1939, the paper used for extortion letters submitted to the Laboratory in connection with the case entitled, Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-2777, was compared with the paper used in connection with the Lenap case but no identification was effected. None of the paper upon which the Sloan extortion letters were written was similar to the paper upon which the original ransom note in this case was written.

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January 18, 1939

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Mr. W. E. Gurnea

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
607 U. S. Court House Building  
Foley Square  
New York, New York

Re: Lenap.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau January 11, 1939.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure:

cc - Newark

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U. S. Department of Justice  
607 U. S. Court House Building  
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New York, New York

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January 17, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
Newark, New Jersey

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

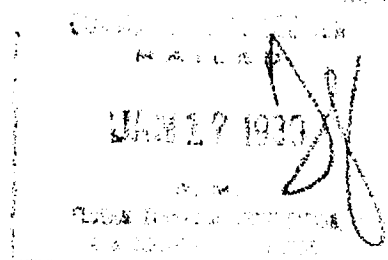
Your attention is directed to Bureau letter, dated December 2, 1938, with regard to the above entitled matter. It is noted you were instructed to see that an investigative report was submitted immediately inasmuch as this case has been delinquent in your Division since October 9, 1938.

The Bureau is not in receipt of any additional reports from your Division to date, and it is desired that a comprehensive report outlining the results of the investigation to date be submitted not later than ten days following the receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....





Newark, New Jersey

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January 17, 1939

Mr. E. E. Gurnea  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, New York

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. SLOAN, Junior,  
President, GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION -  
Victim; EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 9, 1939, under the title of "CONFERENCE OF AGENTS ASSIGNED TO THE LEMAP SPECIAL SQUAD", wherein it was the suggestion of Special Agent R. H. CUNNINGHAM of the possibility of WERNER FRED LUCK having written the extortion letters in this case, probably on stationery of the same type as used in the LEVINE case, using, perhaps, a toy typewriter.

A careful perusal of this file does not disclose that a toy typewriter was used, and as I advised Special Agent PRYOR telephonically, the majority of paper and stationery used in this matter was brown Kraft bag paper and the notes were made of words cul from newspaper, which were pasted on the above-described tagging.

Relative to the request of the Bureau that you be furnished pertinent serials in this file, I have to advise that the New York Office is in possession of all pertinent serials in this file, with the possible exception of two laboratory reports dated May 20, 1937 and June 4, 1937. Copies of such reports are being transmitted, herewith.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**

NWK FILE NO. **9-55 105**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK, NEW JERSEY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-12-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/22, 29/38</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN L. MADALA</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED F. SLOAN, JUNIOR, President, GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Pastor of Hungarian Reform Church, New Brunswick, N. J. advised "ALLER" is not a Hungarian name or word. The initials "P.J.A." likewise indicated nothing to him. New Brunswick City Directory does not list name of ALLER. Pastor of Church advises suspect JOSEPH VEPES can not write nor speak English coherently. Said that VEPES has been organist for Reform Church for eight years and that he does considerable commercial mimeographing for Hungarian Societies and clubs in and around New Brunswick. Pastor could offer no leads whatever. No more letters received by victim since May, 1937. All leads having been exhausted, case is being closed upon authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. L. MADALA, Newark, N. J., 9-9-38.

**DETAILS:**

AT NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

Agent checked the City and Telephone Directories for New Brunswick, N. J. but could find no name such as ALLER listed therein.

Agent interviewed Reverend ANDREW MOSO, 10 Mission Street, telephone New Brunswick 5341, who is the Pastor for the local Hungarian Reform Church. Agent asked Reverend MOSO whether the name "ALLER" meant anything to him or whether the same represented a Hungarian word. He advised that ALLER was not a Hungarian word nor did he know anyone by

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that name. He likewise stated the initials "P. J. A." also indicated nothing to him.

With reference to JOSEPH VERES who is suggested as a possible suspect in this case, the Reverend KOSO advised that this individual is fifty-five years of age and can not speak or write English very coherently. He said VERES has been the organist for the local Hungarian Reform Church for the past eight years; that he is absolutely an honest man and has never exhibited any unbalanced inclinations. He said that VERES is married but has no children; that he never worked for the GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION nor any of its subsidiaries to his knowledge.

Reverend KOSO went on to state that in addition to being the organist for the Reform Church, VERES likewise does considerable commercial mimeographing work and is employed with the HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN REFORM FEDERATION in New Brunswick; that his job with this organization is selling insurance to people of Hungarian birth. Reverend KOSO stated that VERES is considered very adept in mimeographing work and that he does practically all of that type of work for the various Hungarian societies, schools and clubs in and around New Brunswick; that in addition to doing mimeograph copy work for the above units, he likewise does a great deal of this type of work for the Church.

Reverend KOSO stated there are approximately 330 Hungarian families who are members of his congregation; that all of these persons receive every Sunday and holidays, the mimeographed material prepared by VERES in the way of hymns and poems. He stated there are approximately 3000 Hungarian families in New Brunswick and that of these people have undoubtedly from time to time received some of the Hungarian mimeographed work prepared by VERES.

In view of the above, it can readily be seen that the scope of this particular phase of the investigation is so great, it would be virtually impossible to check on all those persons who could have had access to some of Mr. VERES' mimeographed material which was identified as a piece of evidence in this case.

Considerable time was spent with Reverend KOSO in an effort to have him suggest someone of Hungarian birth in New Brunswick of ~~Hungarian birth~~ who would be a likely suspect in this case, but without success.

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Agent endeavored to interview Mr. JOSEPH VARES but Reverend KOSO advised he was seriously ill at the time and suggested the interview be withheld for a while. The Reverend KOSO made mention of the fact that in his opinion, it is foolish to think of VARES as a suspect in this case inasmuch as he can not speak English very well and definitely can not write that language. He stated that when Mr. VARES was interviewed by Agent WILSON during March, 1938, he undoubtedly did not understand the Agent and hence denied that he owned a typewriter and that he prepared mimeographed copy work.

In this connection Reverend KOSO indicated that Mr. VARES would not deliberately conceal such a fact from anyone as most everyone of Hungarian descent in New Brunswick, knows that he does practically all of the Hungarian mimeographed copy work for the societies and clubs of that nationality.

On December 29, 1938, Agent telephonically communicated with Mr. MALCOLM H. DUNE of the Plant Production Department, Linden Division of GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, who advised that neither Mr. ALFRED P. SLOAN, President, nor the corporation, has received any other threatening letters since the last one reported in instant case which was on May 13, 1937.

Inasmuch as all of the leads in this case have been exhausted and no logical suspect determined, and the further fact that the victim in this case has not received any additional threatening letters since May 13, 1937, this case is being considered closed upon the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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January 9, 1939

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Mr. M. E. Gurnea  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
607 United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, New York

Re: CONFERENCE OF AGENTS ASSIGNED TO  
THE NEWARK SPECIAL SQUAD.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 20, 1938. It is noted on page four of this communication that Special Agent R. H. Cunningham suggested the possibility of Werner Fred Luck having written Alfred Sloan extortion letters, possibly on stationery of the same type used in the Levine case, using, perhaps, a toy typewriter.

In this connection, your attention is invited to the fact that there is presently pending in the Newark office a case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President, General Motors Corporation, Victim; EXTORTION. It is noted that a review of the file in this case, which is contained in the investigative report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, dated at Newark, New Jersey, September 9, 1938, indicates a copy was forwarded to the New York office. The Newark office is requested to transmit to you the necessary serials in order that the information contained in this file may be readily available to you.

The Technical Laboratory is being requested to examine the paper used in connection with this Extortion case and to compare it with the paper used in the above entitled matter. The results of this comparison will be forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc Newark

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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607 E. E. COTTER HOUSE  
Foley Square  
New York, N.Y.

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December 20, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: CONFERENCE OF AGENTS ASSIGNED TO THE  
LEAP SPECIAL SQUAD

Dear Sir:

The regular weekly conference of agents assigned to the LEAP case was held in the New York Office on December 16, 1935 with Special Agent E. J. Ryan presiding.

The following agents were present: Inspector M. E. Gurnea, Special Agents A. J. Abbatichio, A. J. Birtwright, R. E. Sandy, J. A. Simpson, R. H. Cunningham, V. E. Criss, W. B. Ford, J. M. McGrath and J. F. Pyper.

The following agents were absent for the reasons indicated: Special Agent Jerome Doyle in conference with Assistant State's Attorney, JACOB ROSENTHAL, in connection with the PERKINS case; J. V. Murphy on assignment at New Rochelle; W. E. Birney, C. E. Smith and F. L. Ward in attendance at the kidnap training school in Washington, D. C.

The attention of the agents was called to the matter of report writing. It was pointed out that more consideration should be given to including the date, time and place of investigation, being sure to preface the dictation with proper reference. It was also pointed out that it was desired that in dictating inserts for inclusion in a report that only one idea or chain of ideas should be included in a particular insert so that the report could be logically assembled.

The agents were also advised of the desirability of properly identifying Laboratory X and Y numbers when dictating.

All agents present were instructed by Inspector M. E. Gurnea to submit a list of questions for use in interrogating LEAP suspects.

A discussion was had with reference to the public utility check in New Rochelle and it was decided in connection with this project to first concentrate on those individuals in New Rochelle whose public utility service was discontinued shortly after March 1st and who moved

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away without leaving a forwarding address. After this particular phase of investigation has been finished it will broaden out to cover investigation of those persons whose public utility records indicated an appreciable variation in consumption during the pertinent period in this case.

It was brought out in this discussion that the public utility check was really to fall into the following classes; first, to check on persons considered as suspicious based upon their utility consumption or who moved away without leaving forwarding addresses after discontinuing this service, and secondly, to stir up interest in this case inasmuch as neighborhood investigation, with reference to the persons being investigated, would serve to throw the agents into contact with numerous individuals.

The agents were advised that in making these neighborhood investigations they should consider this second phase and feel free to discuss openly, with the people contacted, the LEVINE case, and perhaps in this manner a lead might be developed concerning suspicious people in the neighborhood, the location of a toy typewriter, etc.

The agents were instructed that when requesting a person to contact them in the future for any possible information relative to this case, that the local telephone number in New Rochelle and the telephone number of the New York Office be left with these people as well as the suggestion that they can relay information through the New Rochelle Police Department.

The agents were further advised that the photographs of EDWARD JOHN FINE and WERNER FINE LUCK should be freely exhibited while conducting neighborhood investigations for the purpose of developing any information as to these individuals.

The agents presently assigned to the utility check at New Rochelle are, Special Agents E. E. Buxby, J. F. Pryor, R. J. Abbaticchio and J. E. McIrath.

Inspector M. E. Gurnea suggested to the agents on assignment at New Rochelle the desirability of keeping their dictation up and requested that when they found it necessary to proceed to New York for the purpose of dictating that they so arrange it that not more than one or two agents come in at the same time thus leaving sufficient personnel at New Rochelle to carry on the investigation.



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December 20, 1938.

Special Agent J. F. Pryor suggested that replicas of the stone flagging which was found with the ransom note next to the Telephone Building in New Rochelle be reproduced by the Bureau, and that it should be colored the same as the original stone flagging. He stated that undoubtedly, in his opinion, this stone flagging was picked up by the kidnapers at some point near the hideout, and that if the place from which this flagging came could be located that the hideout could undoubtedly be localized.

This was considered an excellent idea and accordingly the stone flagging will be sent to the Bureau with the request that two replicas be made and colored the same as the original so that at least one of these replicas may be available at New Rochelle at all times.

Special Agent J. F. Pryor also made the suggestion that the Laboratory endeavor to determine the nature of the orange colored substance on the original stone flagging which, Agent Pryor stated, in his opinion, was possibly orange paint. He pointed out that if this substance is in fact orange paint it is very likely that the piece of stone flagging came from some place which may be painted that color, and if so, that it would be very material in locating the place from which the stone flagging was taken.

This, likewise, was considered an excellent thought, and accordingly the Bureau will be requested to make this examination at the time the stone flagging is forwarded to the Laboratory. If the substance is determined to be paint the Laboratory will be requested to prepare a large color chart of this particular shade of paint.

Special Agent E. H. Cunningham suggested that a detailed neighborhood investigation be made in the vicinity of the homes of EDWARD JOHN PENE and WERNER FRED LUCK. This matter will be given attention and at an early date such a detailed neighborhood investigation will be made ~~as~~ it is thought possible that it may result in information furnishing more details as to their activities and associates.

It is to be recalled that among the personal effects of WERNER FRED LUCK a number of sales slips were found containing notations of large sums of money, and that on several of these slips there appeared the name of ALFRED SLAINE who may possibly be the ALFRED SLAINE connected with General Motors.

Letter to Director  
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December 20, 1936.

Special Agent E. H. Cunningham suggested the possibility of MORRIS FRED LACK having written ALFRED SLOANE extortion letters, possibly on stationery of the same type used in the LEVINE case, using, perhaps, a toy typewriter. With this thought in mind appropriate investigation will be conducted to contact ALFRED SLOANE.

Special Agent J. M. McGrath suggested that the summary in the LEVINE case be called to the attention of all Agents assigned to the New York Office in order that they might become acquainted with the pertinent facts of this case. This matter will be arranged with Special Agent in Charge, Dwight Brantley.

With reference to kidnaping cases generally, particularly those cases in which the victim is murdered and his body recovered, Special Agent J. M. McGrath suggested that a competent pathologist be engaged by the Bureau to assist the local coroner in an autopsy. He pointed out from an investigative standpoint the coroner who performed the autopsy on the body of PETER DAVID LEVINE found absolutely nothing of value. Inspector Gurnea suggested along this line that in such cases the Bureau be requested to have Mr. DUNLAP of the Laboratory present at the autopsy in order to analyze the available evidence from an investigative standpoint.

This suggestion is being called to the Bureau's attention for the consideration of the Bureau in adopting such a procedure as a matter of policy.

Very truly yours,

H. E. GURNEA,  
Inspector.



JEL:JHK

January 9, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Re: LEMAP

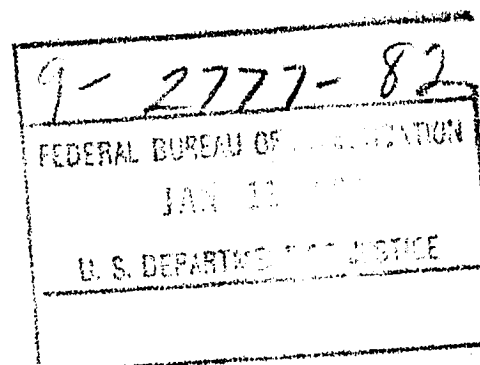
Inasmuch as the name of Alfred Sloan was found in the effects of Warner Fred Luck and as Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, is the victim in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President, General Motors Corporation; EXTORTION; Bureau File No. 9-2777, it is requested that a comparison of the paper used in connection with this case be compared with the paper used in connection with the Peter David Levine kidnaping case.

The results of this examination should be transmitted to Inspector M. E. Gurnea at the New York office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Q. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_



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9-2777

December 2, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge  
Newark, New Jersey

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, dated September 9, 1938, at Newark, containing undeveloped leads with regard to necessary additional investigation within your division.

The Bureau desires to be advised within the near future as to the results of the investigation conducted in this matter by your division since the date of the above-described report.

You are instructed, accordingly, to see that an investigative report is submitted within ten days from the receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Ladd .....  
Nichols .....  
Clegg .....  
Glavin .....  
Harbo .....  
Rosen .....  
Tracy .....  
Egan .....  
Gurnea .....  
Laughlin .....  
Mohr .....  
Tele. Rm. ....  
Holloman .....  
Miss Gandy .....

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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October 27, 1938

9-2777 -77

Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. President,  
General Motors Corporation,  
Victim; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau October 21, 1938.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Newark

Enclosure:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 25136

October 26, 1938  
Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim;  
Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-77

Specimens:

K53, Sample handwriting and printing of John Fodor consisting  
of twelve sheets of paper marked #1 through #12.

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: 10-21-38

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Major

No definite conclusion was reached whether John Fodor wrote the extortion letters and the addresses on the envelopes included in laboratory designations 42 through 46 from a comparison of the present known specimens. If a further comparison is desired, it is suggested that additional specimens be obtained from John Fodor by having him prepare further writings from dictation of the wording of the questioned material and that he be requested to prepare such specimens written rather rapidly. Specimens should also be obtained under varying conditions and he should be permitted to write some of the additional specimens with a scrawling motion. Upon receipt of such additional known specimens it is believed that a definite opinion may be reached.

- 1 Bureau
- 2 New York
- 1 Newark
- 1 Laboratory

October 27, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.,  
President, General Motors Corporation  
Victim: EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 19, 1938,  
transmitting the fingerprints of John Fodor, suspect, in ~~connection~~  
with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the fingerprints of this suspect  
have been compared with the latent impressions previously developed  
in the instant case but no identification was effected.

A search of the fingerprints of John Fodor through the  
main fingerprint files of the Bureau failed to disclose a prior  
criminal record for this individual. In accordance with your  
request, the fingerprints of Fodor are being filed in the Bureau's  
civil identification file.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Crowl \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

CC - Newark

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#12356

Date Recorded: 10-21-38 11:00 A.M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: 100-100000-100000  
ALICE P. LION, Jr. President,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS  
H. L. R. S.

Number: 0-2777-75

Specimens:

Submitted the fingerprint card of the following suspect whose prints are  
to be filed in the F.I. File:  
ALICE P. LION

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: 10-21-38

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Sullivan

CC-Newark

*files 10-74*

*compared with latent impressions  
this case no ident (1)*

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

GAD:FM  
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October 19, 1938

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Attention Technical Laboratory

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR. President,  
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Enclosed you will find the fingerprint impressions of JOHN FODOR. They are being submitted for comparison with the latent impressions developed on the extortion letters on the above-entitled case.

Kindly search these prints through the criminal section and furnish the Newark Office with a complete criminal record of this man, if he should have one.

When these prints have served their purpose, they may be filed in the Civil Division of the Identification Section of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

One enclosure

cc Newark

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June 15, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Charles Green, Victim;  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

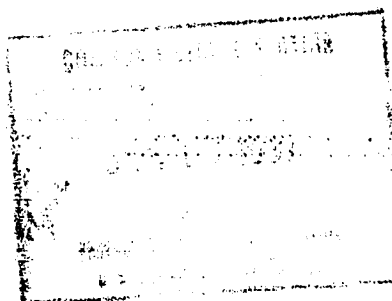
Reference is made to your letter of June 4, 1937, transmitting among other specimens, the fingerprints of Theodore "Ted" Lyda and Harry Ising, suspects, in connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the latent fingerprints previously developed in this case were compared with the fingerprints of Lyda and Ising, but no identification was effected.

A search of the fingerprints of Harry Ising and Theodore Lyda through the main fingerprint files of the Bureau has failed to disclose a prior record for either of these individuals.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.





# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**

NY FILE NO. **6-326**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/19/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/12/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. A. CALLAHAN</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: ALFRED P. SLOAN, JUNIOR, President, GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**JOHN FODOR** denies writing instant letters; submits handwriting specimens and submits fingerprint impressions for comparison purposes.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent E. C. Wilson, Newark, New Jersey, 3/26/36.  
Report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Newark, New Jersey, 9/9/36.

**DETAILS:**

This report is a result of a joint investigation conducted by Special Agents Hicks and Callahan.

Mrs. ROSE FODOR, wife of JOHN FODOR, was interviewed at her home, 5449 Arthur Hill Road, Tottenville, Staten Island, on October 12, 1936. She advised that both she and her husband are of Hungarian descent. When they reside at Perth Amboy, they were accustomed to read the NEW BRUNSWICK DAILY NEWS, and the NEWARK STAR EAGLE newspapers, at which time FODOR was with the White Dental Manufacturing Company, in Staten Island. According to his wife, he has worked there about ten years. He worked for only one day for the General Motors at Linden, New Jersey.

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JOHN FODOR was interviewed when he came home for lunch. He denied writing instant letters or having any knowledge concerning the person or persons who might have written them. He substantiated the information his wife had previously furnished regarding his descent and the newspapers they were accustomed to read. A number of specimens of his handwriting were secured and are being submitted to the Bureau under separate cover for comparison with the letters in this case.

JOHN FODOR's fingerprint impressions have also been secured and they too are being submitted to the Bureau for comparison purposes. FODOR was also questioned regarding a typewriter with Hungarian characters; however, he was unable to furnish any information regarding any such typewriter.

The following description of JOHN FODOR is given as a result of personal observation and interview:

Name:	JOHN FODOR
Age:	26 Born 7/11/1912 at Staten Island.
Height:	5 feet 7½ inches
Weight:	160 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Light
Hair:	Blonde
Scars:	Burn scar rear of right knee
Criminal record:	Unknown
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	ROSE FODOR
Children:	One

FODOR explained that he has never left the employ of the White Dental Manufacturing Company. He explained that he thought he could secure a better position with the General Motors at Linden, New Jersey, and worked for them for one day, but being dissatisfied, he returned to the White Dental Manufacturing Company and never mentioned the fact that he had worked for the General Motors.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
New York, New York

GAC:FM  
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October 19, 1933

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:        Attention Technical Laboratory

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR. President,  
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

✓ Enclosed you will find twelve handwriting specimens of John Fodor in eight cellophane envelopes for comparison with the extortion letters in the above-entitled case.

John Fodor, a suspect in this case, is twenty-six years of age, and of Hungarian descent. He resides at 5449 Arthur Kill Road, Tottenville, Staten Island, with his wife and one small child. He claims he left elementary school when he was in the eighth grade, at the age of sixteen years.

Fodor complained of difficulty in writing these specimens, explaining that he has not had occasion to do very much writing during the past several years. The sequence in which these specimens were secured can be determined from the numbers appearing near the initials of the witnessing Agents on the back of each sheet. It was noted that Fodor claimed he had some vocational training in drafting after leaving elementary school.

His first two specimens of hand printing, in which he used ink, were considered particularly poor by Agents. This was called to his attention, and he said he was trying to hurry. He was then urged to take as much time as he wished and a third printed specimen was secured, in which he used pencil. He was told to underline the words which are underlined; however, he was not given any other instructions.

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He had no hesitation whatever in furnishing these specimens, and appeared to be quite cooperative.

Kindly furnish the Newark Office with a copy of the laboratory report concerning the examination of these specimens.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

Eight enclosures

cc Newark

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects:  
Alfred F. Sloan, Jr. President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim  
Extortion

Number: 9-2777-77

Specimens: 9-2777-77 K53 Sample handwriting and printing of John Fodor consisting  
of twelve sheets of paper marked #1 thru #12.

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: Elk 10-21-38 Rec 10-22-38 1 pm ft

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Major #1

cc-Newark

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*Set specimens written*  
*in scrawling <sup>hand</sup> with*  
*a 2 thru a 4 - large motions*

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*A**N**President*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Newark, New Jersey

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October 4, 1938

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JUNIOR, President,  
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION-VICTIM.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Chief of Police FRANK J. HICKEY, Linden, New Jersey, advised this office on September 30, 1938, that THOMAS HAUSNER, of 17 Stinson Street, Linden, New Jersey, might possibly be involved in the sending of the extortion letters in this case.

Chief HICKEY advised that HAUSNER was arrested by the Linden Police Department on September 9, 1938, and that his fingerprints were forwarded to the Bureau on the same date, under Linden, New Jersey, Police Department #1,459. He also advised that the FBI number for this suspect is #1,597,582.

It is respectfully requested that the Bureau compare the fingerprints of THOMAS HAUSNER with the latent fingerprint impressions developed in this case, after which this office be notified of the results of the same.

Very truly yours,

*A. P. Kitchen*  
A. P. KITCHEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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9-2777-76

Special Agent in Charge  
Newark, New Jersey

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alfred P.  
Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation,  
Victim: EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 4, 1938,  
requesting that the fingerprints of Thomas Hausner, #FBI-1571582,  
be compared with the latent impressions previously developed in  
connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the latent impressions remaining  
unidentified in this case were compared with the fingerprints of  
the above-named suspect without effecting an identification.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan  
Assistant Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Crowl \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. McIntire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date Recorded: 11-6-38 10:00 A.M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED A. SLOAN, JUNIOR, PRESIDENT,  
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION-VICTIM.  
EXTORTION.

Number: 9-2777-76

Specimens:

Requested that the fingerprints of the following suspect be located in the  
Bu. and compared with the latents in this case:  
THOMAS HAUSNER, #FBI-1597582.

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: hgm 10-5-38

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Ground

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file ..*

*F.P. of suspect comp. with unidentified  
latents none*

*Dictated report 10-7*



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

REPORT MADE AT

FILE NO.

9-85 1041

REPORT MADE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	DATE WHEN MADE 9/8/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/1/38	REPORT MADE BY J. L. MADALA
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. SLOAN, JUNIOR, President, GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

File reviewed and all pertinent data incorporated in this report. Logical leads have been set out to bring this case to an early conclusion.

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**DETAILS:**

A review of the file reflects that the first letter in this case was mailed from New Brunswick, New Jersey, on May 9, 1937, and that it was received with the regular mail of the GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, Linden Division, Linden, New Jersey, on the morning of May 10, 1937. The letter was addressed to ALFRED P. SLOAN, GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, Linden Division, and was marked "PERSONAL". This letter read as follows:

"To President

You must take orders from us or else your company will be blow to hell get \$1000 in 50 cents only be ready to plant it where we tell you if not the men of all will blow General Motors of the map. Put this in the Daily News We are Name the place Put on page 7 - on May 15

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*A. L. Kitchin* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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STAT. SECT.

The Technical Laboratory of the Bureau advised on May 20, 1937, with reference to the above letter, that this message was constructed from letters cut out of newspapers and possibly magazines, and that the said letters were pasted on a sheet of brown Kraft wrapping or bag paper which possessed no identifying marks. The Laboratory also reported at this time that one latent fingerprint was developed on the above letter, which print has sufficient characteristic detail to permit classification and search through the Bureau's single fingerprint file. This search was made with negative results.

It might be stated that to date the above-referred-to latent fingerprint has not been eliminated from further consideration in this case.

With reference to the envelope in which the first extortion letter was encased, the Laboratory reported that one latent impression was likewise developed thereon. This print, however, was subsequently eliminated when it was found to be identical with the right thumb impression of Mr. MAHLON H. DUANN, an employee of the GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, who had handled the letter in question at the time it was received.

With further reference to the envelope indicated above, the Laboratory reported that this particular envelope had been sealed and re-opened prior to its receipt; that it was re-sealed with a strip of brown paper which probably originated from the flap of a large business envelope. It was indicated that this flap bore a portion of a printed letter in red ink; that also used to re-seal this envelope were two pieces of mimeograph paper. One of these pieces had written thereon in mimeographed typewriting the Hungarian words "MOST MARY SZEPER SZEDBE", which, translated into English, mean "NOW ALREADY BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS". Miss MARY CSEMA, of the MAGYR HIRLOP PUBLISHING COMPANY, 42 Albany Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, subsequently advised that the above Hungarian phrase, namely, "MOST MARY SZEPER SZEDBE", means "NOW ALREADY NICELY PICKED", and not "NOW ALREADY BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS", as was indicated in the Laboratory report dated May 20, 1937. Miss CSEMA stated that the Hungarian word for "beautiful" is "GYONYORU", and that the Hungarian word for "bloom" is "VIRIT". She also stated that the correct spelling of the word, "SZEDBE" should be "SZEDVE".

The initials "P.J.A." appeared at the bottom of the piece of

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subject  
Charles Green, Victim.  
Extortion

Number: 9-2725-10

Specimens: 9-2725-10 K3 Sample handwriting of Harry Ising consisting of six sheets  
of paper marked #1 thru #6.  
" K4 Sample handwriting of Theodore "Ted" Lyda consisting of  
eight sheets of paper marked #1 thru #8.

Fingerprints of Theodore "Ted" Lyda and Harry Ising, suspects

Examination requested by: San Francisco

Date received: 6-11-37 at 9:30 am ( 6-11-37 2:00 P.M. chp)

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint ✓ 6-4-37

Result of examination:

Examination by: Major/1  
Blackburn#2  
Knowles

*To file action for file and enclosures 6-11-37*  
*Latent fingerprints previously developed were compared*  
*with the fingerprints of Lyda and Ising. No*  
*identification effected.*  
*Dictated 6-14-37.*

~~the piece of~~ mimeograph paper mentioned above, and the meaning of these initials is not, as yet, known.

With reference to the second piece of mimeograph paper which was used to re-seal the envelope in which the first letter in this case was enclosed, the Laboratory reported that the letters or word, "KER" were mimeograph typewritten thereon. It stated that these letters, namely, "KER" may have been part of another word; however, this word alone means in English, "to ask".

The envelope of the first letter measured 9-1/2 x 4-1/2 inches and it was addressed in blue ink in handwriting style.

A second letter in this case was mailed at 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 1937, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, and read as follows:

"To President

This is what Become of People that don't pay up. this is your second warning\_ don't pay and you'll get the same. Remember no funny stuff the Ailer men are ready to blow you sky wide. Just like this picture\_ have your money ready.

THE AILER

MAY 11, 1937 "

Enclosed in the above letter was a newspaper photograph of the demolished dirigible HINDENBURG, and the Bureau Laboratory identified this picture as having been printed in the "STAR EAGLE" newspaper of Newark, New Jersey.

The envelope in which the above letter was enclosed was addressed in pencil and appeared in handwriting style. The address appeared as follows:

"Personal

President  
General Motors INC  
Linden, N. J.

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The Laboratory report relative to the second letter recited that this letter was handwritten in pencil on a brown sheet of Kraft paper which had been cut along three sides; that the handwriting on this letter was compared with the handwriting in other letters in the Laboratory's Anonymous Letter file, without success.

The Laboratory further advised by letter dated May 18, 1937 that three latent fingerprint impressions were found on this letter, which are unidentifiable. To date, this evidence has not been eliminated from further consideration.

With reference to the above envelope in which the second extortion letter was encased, Laboratory report dated May 20, 1937 informed that this envelope had also been sealed and opened before mailing; that it was then re-sealed with paper similar to that on which the second letter was written; that this envelope measured approximately 5-4/10 x 3-4/10", and that it contained no watermarks. One latent fingerprint impression was developed on this envelope, which, according to the Bureau, has not as yet been eliminated, and which is unidentifiable.

A third letter in this case was mailed to the Victim at 5:00 p.m., May 12, 1937, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, and reads as follows:

"This is your last warning  
pay up or else. Remember no  
funny business or the whole plant  
will go up any how good luck

"THE Ailer"

May 13#

The reverse side reads as follows:

"If your wise you'll do just as it say's

THE Ailer

Remember the 15 of May well we mean it".

The envelope in which the above letter was enclosed was made of plain white paper and the address was handwritten in pencil. It reads as follows:

"Personal

A. P. Sloan President  
General Motors Inc  
Linden, N. J.

Personal

Personal "

With reference to the third letter mentioned above, Laboratory report dated May 20, 1937, reflected that this letter was likewise written on brown Kraft paper similar to that used for the second letter; that the message was written in pencil and that the handwriting is identical with that appearing on the second letter and envelope. This handwriting has not, as yet, been identified. The Laboratory further reported in letter dated May 18, 1937 that one latent fingerprint impression was developed on the third letter; however, same was subsequently eliminated from further consideration when it was identified as the left index finger of WALTER G. HASLAN, an employee of the GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, who admitted he handled the said letter. There were no latent fingerprints of value developed on the accompanying envelope.

ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., to whom the three letters in question were addressed, was never contacted in this matter, and all interviews relative to the receipt of these letters were had with MR. VANDON E. DUNN, of the Plant Protection Department, and WALTER J. SMITH, Comptroller. Neither of these employees was able to suggest any names as suspects.

It might be stated that although the ad mentioned in the first extortion letter was inserted in the New Brunswick Daily News on May 15, 1937, as was instructed, no further contact was made by the extortionist.

It is also pointed out that no further letters have been mailed or delivered to the Victim in this case since May 13, 1937, the date of the third communication. No instructions were ever communicated to the Victim as to the manner in which the pay-off was to be made, and no effort was apparently made by the extortionist to collect this money.

From the tenor of the three letters received in this case, and, coupled with the fact that no attempt was ever made to collect the \$1000 demanded, it would appear that the author of the letters in this case is possibly a "crank".

Laboratory report dated June 4, 1937 reflects that the mimeographed typewritten words in the Hungarian language heretofore mentioned were probably written on a typewriter equipped with Royal Pica style type; also that the keyboard of this typewriter probably contains an acute accent mark for use on foreign words.

The file reflects that the handwriting of several suspects has been sent from time to time to the Technical Laboratory for comparison with the available handwriting in this case, but without an identification being effected. These suspects include many former employees of the Linden division of the GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION.

In addition to the above, the names of the releases and parolees from the New Jersey State Penitentiary, the Rahway Reformatory, and the Annandale Reformatory, for the period June 1, 1936, to May 15, 1937, were obtained and submitted to the Bureau. These persons' fingerprints were checked against the fingerprint evidence in instant case for possible identification. The results in this connection have been negligible to date.

The reports of Special Agent E. C. WILSON, dated at Newark, New Jersey, March 7, 1938 and March 26, 1938, respectively, reflect considerable investigation conducted at New Brunswick, New Jersey, in an effort to locate and identify the Royal typewriter which was used to write the Hungarian phrase "MOST MAP SZEPEN SZEDBE", which wording appeared on a piece of mimeograph paper pasted on the back of the envelope of the first extortion letter. As a result of this phase of the investigation, it was ascertained from a Mr. SANDY, of the O. K. PRINTING SERVICE COMPANY, 97 Harvey Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, that the only person he knew that possessed a Royal typewriter equipped with Hungarian type and did mimeographing is Mr. JOSEPH VERES, 176 Jefferson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey. In this connection, Mr. SANDY advised that he was a member of the Hungarian Reformed Church, and that JOSEPH VERES, who is the organist for this church, prepares and passes out among the congregation every Sunday morning a mimeographed sheet which contains a group of songs that are to be sung during the services that morning. Mr. SANDY furnished a copy of the said song sheet to Agent WILSON on February 19, 1938, and same was transmitted to the Bureau to be compared with the typewriting evidence in instant case.

The Laboratory report with reference to the above matter, which report is dated March 8, 1938, reads as follows:

"No definite conclusion was reached whether the typewriting on



the two small pieces of paper previously received by the Laboratory was produced by the typewriter used to prepare the mimeograph stencil from which the sheet mimeographed by JOSEPH VERES, above-mentioned, was prepared. The questioned specimen is very brief and is also a mimeographed copy and being a mimeographed copy removes the dependability of characteristics of footings which ordinarily could be considered and depended upon in the examination of a direct typewritten specimen. It was observed, however, that from such examination it was possible of the questioned specimen, that the "s" is aligned to the left, the small "z" is aligned to the right, and the small "k" tilts slightly toward the right and these characteristics are in agreement with the mimeographed specimen prepared by JOSEPH VERES. It was also observed that four dashes appearing in the questioned specimen seems to constitute a dotted line, such as appears on the mimeographed sheet prepared by MR. VERES. This agreement in characteristics would indicate the probability that the typewriter used to prepare the stencil for MR. VERES' work was also used to prepare the stencil from which the mimeographed wording, namely, "MOST MAR SZEPKE SZEDBE" was produced; that, as stated before, sufficient characteristic detail is not available in the questioned specimen to warrant a definite opinion."

Prior to the receipt of the above Laboratory report, Agent WILSON had interviewed at his home on January 27, 1938, for the purpose of obtaining specimens from his Royal typewriter, JOSEPH VERES, and it is noted that he advised that he owned no typewriter, and that he does not do any mimeograph work, and that he could be of no assistance to instant investigation. It was pointed out by Agent WILSON that MR. VERES speaks English with great difficulty and cannot be understood.

It would appear, in view of the Laboratory's decision regarding their examination of the mimeographed material included in the first extortion letter and the mimeographed material purported to have been prepared by JOSEPH VERES, that this angle of the investigation possessed the best possibilities towards the solution of the instant case. This appears to be strengthened by the fact that MR. VERES, upon interview, advised that he does not possess a typewriter or mimeograph machine. In connection with the above, the Bureau, in a letter dated April 8, 1938, requested that vigorous efforts be exerted to obtain further specimens of the mimeographed material prepared by JOSEPH VERES, and also that handwriting specimens and fingerprints be obtained from this man, in order that they could be submitted to the Laboratory for appropriate examination.



In addition to the above investigation, the Bureau likewise suggested that it is believed advisable that the Newark Office make a review of the local telephone and city directory with regard to the name, "Ailer", which was signed to the extortion notes. The Bureau also called attention to the initials "P.J.A.", which also appeared on a slip of paper contained in one of the extortion notes. In this connection, it was suggested that inasmuch as Hungarian printing is observed included in one of the extortion letters, that consideration be given to the possibility that the name, "Ailer" may have some significance in Hungarian.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEWARK OFFICE, AT NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, will interview the Pastor of the Hungarian Reformed Church, and discuss the data developed thus far in this case with him, with a view to determining whether he could be of any assistance to this investigation. Will also obtain from him information relative to the background of Suspect JOSEPH VERES, organist for the Church, and his cooperation in securing fingerprints and handwriting specimens of MR. VERES, for comparison with the evidence thus far developed.

Will also obtain from this source handwriting specimens, if same are available, of all the members of the Hungarian Reformed Church, the point being that all of these persons can be considered as suspects, inasmuch as any member of this Church could have had in his or her possession at one time the mimeographed song sheet from which a piece was torn in order to re-seal the envelope of the first extortion letter.

Will also question the Pastor of the Hungarian Reformed Church relative to the word or name "Ailer" which was signed to the extortion notes. Will ask him whether the initials "P.J.A." mean anything to him.

Will obtain further specimens of mimeographed material prepared by MR. JOSEPH VERES, and forward same to the Bureau.

Will examine the city and telephone directories with regard to the name, "Ailer" as suggested in Bureau letter dated April 8, 1938.

- PENDING -

CHC:JHK

9-2777

July 27, 1938

Special Agent in Charge  
Newark, New Jersey

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim  
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to Bureau letter dated June 13, 1938, calling your attention to the delinquency of the above entitled matter in your office.

Inasmuch as the Bureau file reflects that the desired action has not been taken by your office to date, you are requested to place this matter in line for appropriate attention at an early date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED  
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F. B. I.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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9-2777

June 17, 1938

Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.,  
President, General Motors Corporation,  
Victim; EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

It is noted from the Bureau file on the above captioned case that the undeveloped leads indicated for your office in the report of Special Agent E. C. Wilson, dated at Newark, New Jersey on March 26, 1938, have not received attention.

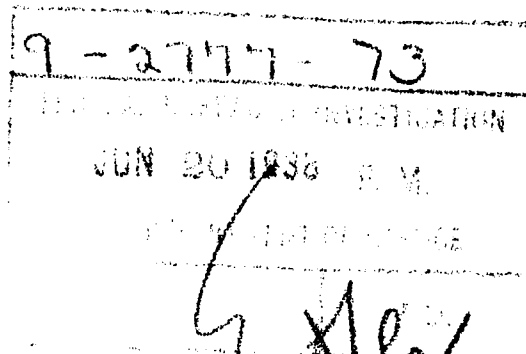
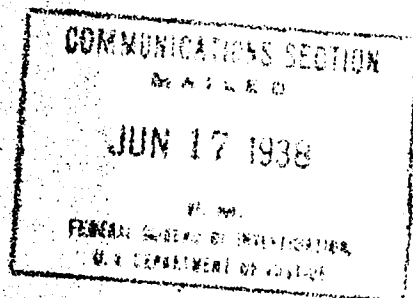
In view of the delinquent status of this matter in your office, it is requested that you place this case in line for early investigative attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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9-2777

June 13, 1938

Special Agent in Charge  
Newark, New Jersey

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED  
P. SLOAN, JR., President,  
General Motors Corporation,  
Victim; EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

A review of the Bureau file reflects that no report has been submitted by your office in this case since the report of Special Agent E. C. Wilson, dated at Newark, New Jersey, on March 26, 1938. Your attention is also directed to Bureau letter dated April 8, 1938, which set out some investigative suggestions in this case.

In view of the delinquent status of this matter, it is requested that you afford this case investigative attention at an early date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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JUN 14 1938

F. B. I.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*[Handwritten signature]*

April 22, 1938.

HHS:JFK

9-2777-70

Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 18, 1938, transmitting a list of the names and fingerprint numbers of forty-nine former inmates of the Annandale Reformatory, New Jersey, and requesting that their fingerprints be compared with the latent fingerprints previously developed in the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the fingerprints of forty-eight individuals named on your list have been compared with the latent impressions previously developed in the instant case, but no identification could be effected. It is noted that your list contains the name "John Labunde, Annandale #564" and a search of the alphabetical name file of the Bureau's Identification Division disclosed the fingerprint record for "John La Bunde," #FBI-244926, #8692, State Police, Trenton, New Jersey and #10904, State Reformatory, Rahway, New Jersey. A notation to the effect that this individual was transferred from the State Reformatory, Rahway, New Jersey, to the Annandale Reformatory, New Jersey, appears in the file. The Annandale Reformatory #564 does not appear in the Bureau's files. The fingerprints of John La Bunde, #FBI-244926, were compared with the latent impressions previously developed in the instant case, but no identification was effected.

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Very truly yours,

APR 23 1938

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#19355

Laboratory Report

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; *Sacramento, Calif*  
Southern Pacific Company, et al, Victims;  
Extortion. *1*

Number: 9-2719-16

Specimens:

9-2719-16 K 6 One photostatic copy of application for brakeman, containing  
the known handwriting of Richard H. Neal.

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Date received: (Blocked 10-13-37) (Rec. 10-14-37 11:30 AM hr)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

*Adequate comparison*

Examination by: Major #1

cc-San Francisco

*not possible questioned*

*note Q 3 & Address on envelope*

*Q 4 entirely handprinted*

*K 6 entirely handwritten*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

1108 Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco, California.  
June 4, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:                      Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
                                 CHARLES DOUGHERTY - Victim.  
                                 Extortion.

Attached are specimens of the handwriting of THEODORE "TED" LYDA, and HARRY ISING, suspects in instant case.

The specimens numbered 1, 2, and 3, executed by HARRY ISING, are in pencil, and made by the right hand, at a normal rate of speed, in a comfortable position. The specimen pages numbered 4 to 6, inclusive, by ISING, were made by the left hand, and required approximately twice as long as the specimens prepared with the right hand.

Specimen pages numbered 1 to 4, inclusive, were made by THEODORE "TED" LYDA, with his right hand, in a comfortable position, at a normal rate of speed. Pages 5 to 8 were made by LYDA'S left hand, and required approximately twice as long as the specimens made with his right hand.

It is respectfully requested that these specimens be compared with the extortion letter and envelope, for elimination or identification.

Fingerprints of THEODORE "TED" LYDA and HARRY ISING are attached, and it is requested that these prints be compared with the latent prints developed on the

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7-2725-10

SPECIMENS DETACHED IN S. F. P. S.

Copy and Specimens Returned in Laboratory

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 9377

Date Recorded: 4-20-36 3:0 P.M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case No: UNKONN. MURDER;

Number: 9-2777-70

Alfred I. ELGAN, Jr., President,  
General Motor Corporation - Victim.  
MAY 1936.

Specimens:

Requested that the fingerprints of the following suspects who were inmates of the Anna Dale Reformatory, be compared with the latents developed in this case:

Leola Laczak, FBI #914243	Michael Burns, RI #99366
John Lacey, " #335585	Anthony Kowalsky, " #62414
Leola Carville, " #551145	Charles Colletti, " #932321
Michael Carrigik, " #106344	John Toth, " #937012
Carl Koch, " #102562	Edward Olszarny, " #1015705
Ernest Swilling, " #1015031	John Gostowski, " #963170

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: sep Apr. 19, 1936.

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: ~~Kennedy~~  
Sullivan

Edward Jackiewicz, RI #743243	Edward Przytycki, FBI #962760.
William Kelley, " #932201	John Lalint, " #794247.
Andrew Wilkewicz, " #1042540	Wilbur Lucas, " #957170
Joseph Zentari, " #1034144	John Sullivan, " #931555
William J. Smith, " #977162	William Lashley, " #977782
Edward Lashley, " #911734	George Lashley, " #913445
John J. Lashley, " #122351	John Lashley, Annandale #42.
Samuel Lashley, " #121434	Edward Przytycki, FBI #1116045
Albert Lashley, " #1048707	William Lashley, " #913513.
Robert Lashley, " #917316	Frank Miller, " #1074300
Vernon Lashley, " #1048707	Ronald Brown, " #1004412
John Lashley, " #1223104	Ralph Fisher, " #1121365
Raymond M. Lashley, " #1078346	William Lashley, " #1014371
Reginald Lashley, " #1078346	Patry Lashley, " #101362
Thomas Lashley, " #1078346	Joseph Lashley, " #101362
Harvey Lashley, " #1078346	Joseph Lashley, " #101362
Robert Lashley, " #1078346	John Lashley, " #101362
Harold Lashley, " #1078346	Lloyd Lashley, " #101362
Joseph Lashley, " #1078346	

Compared the fingerprints listed above with  
9-2777-71 filed 4-22/36



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
810 South Spring Building  
Los Angeles, California  
April 6th, 1938

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOANE, JR., President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
EXTORTION  
L. A. File 9-200

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of March 24, 1938 (file 9-2777) in reply to my letter of March 11, 1938, relative to the instant case.

The Bureau is advised that this matter has again been discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney Wm. Fleet Palmer, who does not feel that any affirmative action should be taken by his office with regard to William David Benjamin, who has been identified as the writer of the letter in the instant case and various other similar letters. In this connection, the Bureau will note in my letter of January 27, 1938 that Mr. H. C. Carrick, Contract Officer, Veterans Administration Facility, West Los Angeles, California, was contacted by Special Agent Lish Whitson for information regarding the status of William David Benjamin as a war veteran, at which time Mr. Carrick learned that Benjamin was still writing the fantastic letters involved in this and other cases.

Inasmuch as all instructions and suggestions of the Bureau have been complied with in this case, and it appearing that no affirmative action can be taken with regard to the writer of these letters, no further investigation will be conducted in this matter in the absence of further instructions from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 4, 1938.

9-2777-68

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., Victim,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 30, 1938, with which you transmitted part of a letter addressed to Mr. William David Benjamin, 233 West 47th Street, Los Angeles, California, dated February 27, 1938, consisting of one page, and a letter of two pages addressed to Mr. Sloan, signed by William David Benjamin, 233 West 47th Street, Los Angeles, California, dated February 28, 1938, together with the envelope in which this letter was contained, which envelope was postmarked at Los Angeles, California, February 28, 1938, 4 P. M.

In accordance with your request the above-described letters and envelope are being retained in the Bureau and no laboratory examination of them is being made.

The Los Angeles office should advise whether it desires any laboratory examination made of this material.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Los Angeles.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

JLD:EL  
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March 30, 1938

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR. - Victim,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation.  
EXTORTION (Bureau file 9-2777)

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith part of a letter addressed to Mr. William David Benjamin, 233 West 47th Street, Los Angeles, Cal., dated February 27, 1938, consisting of one page, and also a letter of two pages addressed to Mr. Sloan, signed by William David Benjamin, 233 West 47th Street, Los Angeles, Cal., dated February 28, 1938, together with the envelope in which this letter was contained, which envelope is postmarked at Los Angeles, Cal., February 28, 1938, 4:00 P.M. There is also enclosed a letter consisting of one page, addressed to Mr. Sloan, signed Harvey Firestone, which letter apparently is also from William David Benjamin. The envelope in which this letter was contained is postmarked at Los Angeles, Cal., March 1, 1938, 12:30 P.M., and is being forwarded herewith.

No request is being made for a Laboratory examination of these letters. These communications are being forwarded to the Bureau in order that they may be considered in any action which the Bureau or the Los Angeles Field Office may desire to take up with the Veterans Administration concerning Benjamin. Copies of these communications are being forwarded to the Los Angeles Office.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*  
R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

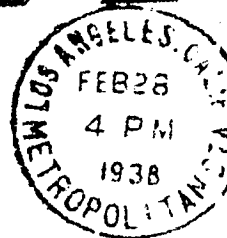
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 21 1938
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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UNRECORDED COPY TO INTERESTED  
ORIGINAL TO LABORATORY

9-11-68



Mr. Alfred Pritchard Sloan, Jr.  
820 5th Ave.,

SEE CLERK FOR SERVICE  
OF FIRST ADDRESSEE

New York,

New York.

Private.

My friend, from Total darkness I take the opportunity to  
make a final appeal to you. Just because I did some  
good in the world, My eternal Judge permits me to use the  
body without its knowledge to plead with you to give the  
man the loan he needs of five million dollars. All  
the money in the world is not worth one minute in purgation,  
a lot that falls to all men since we are children of Adam.  
It is not the desire of this man but the Will of the Infinite  
God that you use this small portion of what God gave you.  
Instincts and Wills get no attention at the bar of Eternal  
Justice. Without charity the Judge turns a deaf ear  
and since all mankind is to benefit - your punishments  
will be the more severe if you hear not. Nothing else  
matters. Help at once if you will. He will not  
permit any suits but does not molest him for that would  
be the Cause for others to take action which he would win.  
Do as I ask, send loan at once and all will be well.

Harry Forester.

Don't try to understand this Miracle. Only the greatness  
of what depends on your charity permits same.

Los Angeles Feb. 28-1938

My Dear Mr Sloan:

I am enclosing a page of a letter received here this am. I was seriously considering what I should do when to my great amazement, the same who gave me the original idea, appeared to me. He said.

Will --- not to come here or go further until you make a final appeal to Mr. Sloan. His own father is with me now and pleads that he make you the needed loan that by the charity this father may enter Eternal rest and says his founding of foundations to satisfy his own ego, means nothing in the sight of the Eternal God. That his last gift of millions was because of your appeals and statements of facts but hatred of Religion was his cause for refusal. Alfred Sloan says to tell his son to advance you this loan at once that all will be well or within two years there won't be any money as of today and his foundations won't be worth the ink it took to deed over the bonds. Almighty God has waited long enough and unless brought back to him, the end of Civilization is at hand. Just say to Alf that for the last time I beg his help and might else will apply and like Trustone

He will be called in his sleep with no chance to ask  
God's mercy and then Eternal sorrow.

So it is that I appeal to you hoping that you may help  
and that any legal action which is detestable to me may be  
avoided. If you will loan me five million for one year  
I will return you six and all will be well.

I can then purchase property, begin erection of building  
demanded, claim the vast sum assured, repay  
you and most of all, you will be given evidence that  
you charitably will have set your parent free.

Write me if you will cooperate.

William Daniel Benjamin.

233 West 47 Street

Los Angeles. Cal.

R.B. If you still doubt, write me and I will fly to New York  
and in a 5 minute conversation you will be convinced and  
I know that then you will help and I will honor your check  
at once. I am but a plain person with nothing up my  
sleeve. I have would the writer of letter was to come here  
trial to hear from me and that I would not see him.  
Please be a good angel and help by this loan and your  
reward will be great.

WDB



*Confidential*

Special Delivery

Alfred P. Sloan Jr.  
820 5th Ave.



New York

New York

FREE CANCELLATION  
OF FIRST ADDRESS





NEW BINKLEY HOTEL

Sherman, Texas

February 27th, 1938.

9-2777-68  
Mr. William David Benjamin,  
233 West 47th Street,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

My Dear Sir:

I am detained here by serious illness while en-route to see you. I will be able to travel in a few days and will write you when I depart.

When directed to go to you by the Vatican Offices, it was with the instruction that I force you to bring matters to a head and not permit you to let your feelings as in the past deter you.

While in New York I consulted with the best legal minds in the metropolis and they were all of the same opinion, that you had ample reason to file suit against Mr. A.P. Sloan since his attitude has placed you in your present position and he being responsible for the action of his agents. The very moment you sign the papers that start the action the lawyers in New York will file the action and there and in Detroit they will tie up all his assets until the action is settled.

All are of the opinion that he cannot be understood to refuse this aid when his own Father asks it as well as have the Mother of God direct you to make the appeal. It cannot be other than that he does not believe you, thus the action will not only tell him but the whole world that these manifestations are a fact, that High Heaven does desire you to found this new institute and long before the facts are given in court, they believe that he will want a settlement out of court. That he in making you a loan of five million will not only free the father but do so much for the entire world and he refuses is more than they can understand and the odd part of it is that some of the lawyers consulted are his closest friends and because of the Holiness of the cause and the Desire of Pope Pius, they will testify in your behalf. You have great aims. You have been blessed as no other man living has in these visits from the Saints of Heaven, why then let your feelings in the matter sway you. Have the suit instituted, let the whole world know the facts, It will give you more publicity than all else and let the world know what you are attempting to do. I feel that

extortion writings, for elimination or identification.

Very truly yours,

*W. L. Listerman*

W. L. LISTERMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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c.c. Technical Laboratory (Encs.14)

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Refer file  
#9-23.

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April 8, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim;  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

A review of the file in the above captioned case discloses that no investigation has been conducted by your office with reference to the name "Ailer" which was signed to the extortion notes. It is believed advisable that your office make a review of the local telephone and city directories with regard to this name, it being also noted that the initials "P.J.A." also appeared on a slip of paper contained in one of the extortion letters. Along this same line it is suggested that inasmuch as Hungarian printing was observed included with one of the extortion letters, your office also consider the possibility that the name "Ailer" may have some significance in Hungarian.

It has also been noted that in this case the Laboratory has reported a similarity between the mimeographed material included in these extortion notes and the mimeographed material prepared by Mr. Joseph Veres who, upon interview, advised the Agent that he did not possess a typewriter or mimeograph machine. It is suggested that vigorous efforts be exerted to obtain further specimens of the mimeograph material prepared by Joseph Veres and that handwriting specimens and fingerprints be obtained from this man and submitted to the Laboratory for appropriate examination.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**

FILE NO. **9-85 ml**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Newark, New Jersey</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-26-38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/10-24; 3-8-38.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. C. WILSON</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. BLOAN, Jr., President, General Motors Corporation - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Various printing offices, New Brunswick, N. J. checked for typewriting specimens, with negative results. Technical Laboratory advises handwriting on application blanks, Linden Division, General Motors Corp. not identical with handwriting in extortion notes. No conclusion reached as to one John Fodor. Mimeographed copy written with typewriter equipped with hungarian type secured and forwarded to Bureau for examination.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter 2-15-38 (9-2777); Bureau letters 2-16-38; Bureau letter 2-21-38; Report of Special Agent (A) E. C. Wilson, Newark, N. J., 3-7-38; Bureau letter 3-8-38.

**DETAILS:**

By letter dated February 15, 1938, the Bureau transmitted a Laboratory Report covering the examination of handwriting and hand-printing which appeared on the application blanks of former employees of the Linden Division of the General Motors Corporation. It was noted that no conclusion was reached as to whether these letters were written by JOHN FODOR. None of the other individuals, whose application blanks were submitted, was suspected of having written the

<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. J. Donegan</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 - Bureau</li> <li>2 - New York</li> <li>1 - U. S. Attorney Trenton</li> <li>2 - Newark</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: right;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">9-12777-67</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">MAR 29 1938</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">MAR 28 1938</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">ONE FILE STAT. SECT.</div>
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extortion letters in this case.

By letter dated February 10, 1938, the Bureau advised that the fingerprints of LENA SCOLNICK, FBI # 1286090, and GEORGE TAMARA, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, PD # 100015, FBI # 1281785, had been compared with the latent impressions previously developed in the instant case and that the comparisons were made without effecting an identification.

By letter dated February 10, 1938, the Bureau advised that the fingerprints of former inmates of the Rahway Reformatory, Rahway, New Jersey, and the New Jersey State Prison, Trenton, New Jersey, had been compared with the latent impressions developed in this case, without effecting an identification, with the exception of the following:

William Glum	Rahway Reformatory	#14505
James Taylor	" "	#14747
William Thomas	" "	#10509
James Jones	" "	#14798
James Johnson	" "	#15093
Christopher Gethers	" "	#14329
Henry Johnson	N. J. State Prison	#17052
Charles Anderson	" " "	#17870

The Bureau advised that a search of the alphabetical name files of the Identification Division failed to disclose a fingerprint record for the persons mentioned above. It was suggested that the FBI numbers be secured.

On February 24, 1938, the New Jersey State Prison and the Rahway Reformatory furnished the FBI numbers of the above-mentioned individuals, which have been transmitted to the Bureau, with a request that the fingerprints be compared with the latent impressions developed in this case.

By letter dated February 21, 1938, the Laboratory advised that the specimen of typewriting secured from Royal typewriter # BX - 1478052, at the Meeker Multigraphing Company, 44 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, had been compared with the known typewriting, but no identification had been effected.

On February 14, 1938, Sister AGNELLA, St. Stanislaus School, Somerset Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, advised that there were no typewriters at that school and that the school had no mimeographing equipment whatsoever. Sister AGNELLA further advised that there was a typewriter in the convent, but that no stencils for the purpose of mimeographing had ever been cut with it to her knowledge. In view of the circumstances, no specimens were secured from this machine.

MR. J. M. HINCHEY, Prior Typewriter Exchange, New Brunswick, New Jersey, was re-contacted and advised that he would attempt to get the records of the Prior Typewriter Exchange which would show the owners of Royal typewriters presently equipped with Hungarian type.

On February 15, 1938, MR. HINCHEY advised that an attempt had been made by him to secure these records from the Trenton, New Jersey, Office of the Prior Typewriter Exchange, and it was determined that there would be a great deal of difficulty in securing the desired information.

MRS. M. HASSEY, Prior Typewriter Exchange, 232 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey, was present at the New Brunswick Office of this concern and stated that she had been informed by MR. HINCHEY as to what information was desired. She advised that there was no segregation of the records to show which machines were equipped with Hungarian type and that all of the records were combined. She stated that the New Brunswick Office covers the counties of Monmouth and Middlesex, but to her positive knowledge, no machines with Hungarian type had ever been sold by this office. In this connection, MR. HINCHEY advised that he had been manager of the New Brunswick Office for a very short period of time and was not acquainted with the persons who were in possession of Royal typewriters.

MR. PETER P. MASZAR and MR. HERBY S. PILLING, repairmen for the New Brunswick Office of the Prior Typewriter Exchange, were interviewed on February 15, 1938 and were unable to furnish any information of value.

On February 17, 1938, the following individuals were contacted, with negative results:

Joseph F. Balyus,  
Balyus Press,  
130 Easton Avenue,  
New Brunswick, N. J.

S. Rubin,  
231 Burnet Street,  
New Brunswick, N. J.

Ben Koras,  
421 Maritan Avenue,  
Highland Park, N. J.

Hugo Koras,  
Magyar Herald,  
165 North 8th Ave.,  
Highland Park, N. J.

MR. SANDY, O. K. Printing Service, 97 Harvey Street, New Brunswick, was contacted and was questioned as to whether he had knowledge of anyone in the city of New Brunswick who used a Royal typewriter equipped with Hungarian type and did mimeographing. MR. SANDY stated that he was a member of the Hungarian Reform Church and that he had a mimeographed sheet which was prepared by JOSEPH VERES. It should be noted at this point that on January 27, 1938, MR. VERES, whose address is 176 Jefferson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, was interviewed, at which time he stated that he was unable to furnish any information whatsoever, and further stated that he did not own a typewriter and did no mimeographing work. This information is furnished in the reference report of Agent Wilson.

MR. SANDY furnished a copy of this mimeographed sheet which, he stated, was a song or group of songs which was passed out among the congregation every Sunday by MR. VERES, who is organist for the Hungarian Reform Church. This sheet was prepared with a typewriter equipped with Hungarian type and appears



to be from a Royal typewriter. This sheet was transmitted to the Bureau by letter dated February 18, 1938, with a request that the typewriting be compared with the known specimens in this case.

Inasmuch as the Bureau reported that no conclusion had been reached as to the handwriting of JOHN FOLOR, a former employee of the Linden Division of the General Motors Corporation, the following information was obtained from his application blank:

Name	John Fodor
Address	667 Charles Street, Perth Amboy, N. J.
Age	25 (Born 7-11-12, Charleston, Staten Island, N. Y.)
Height	5'7 1/2"
Weight	160
Hair	Blond
Complexion	Light
Marital Status	Married; one child
Present Employer	(April 12, 1937) S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Co., Princess Bay, Staten Island, N. Y.
References	Albert Leon and Sons, Perth Amboy, N. J.; S. J. Edison Corp., Tottenville, Staten Island, N. Y.; Shear's Radio Store, Perth Amboy, N. J.; Commercial Credit Corpora- tion, Jersey City, N. J.

The application blank also stated that FOLOR re-  
signed on May 10, 1937 to go back to his old job.

On February 21, 1938, MR. SAM SWERDAL, employee of  
Margaretten and Company, renting agents for the premises  
located at 667 Charles Street, where FOLOR previously resided,  
was interviewed at the company offices located at 276 Hobart  
Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, inasmuch as previous inquiry  
at 667 Charles Street revealed that FOLOR did not live at  
that address and was not known there. MR. SWERDAL searched the



records of Margaretten and Company and advised that there was no information in the files regarding FOLGER.

MR. J. J. QUINN, Postmaster, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, was contacted and advised that JOHN FOLGER, who had previously resided at 607 Charles Street, Perth Amboy, had moved and left the forwarding address of 5449 Arthur Hill Road, Portenville, New York.

On the same day, MR. CHISBOLD, Employment Manager of the Linden Division of the General Motors Corporation, was contacted for the purpose of determining whether he had any information regarding FOLGER, and MR. CHISBOLD advised that he was not acquainted with this individual.

On February 17, 1938, MR. E. LUKERAPLE, Postmaster, Linden, New Jersey, was contacted to determine whether he had any information regarding similar matters such as instant case. He stated that he could recall none and that he had in his possession no letters of a threatening nature. He was unable to furnish any information at all regarding instant case.

By letter dated March 8, 1938, with which was transmitted the Laboratory Report covering the examination of the mimeographed specimen secured from the O. E. Printing Service, 57 Harvey Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, the Bureau advised that no definite conclusion was reached whether the typewriting on the two small pieces of paper, previously designated by laboratory # 9 - 2777 - 2, Q2, was produced by the typewriter used to prepare the mimeograph stencil from which the specimen was submitted. It was stated, however, that the questioned specimen is very brief, and further, it is also a mimeographed copy, and being a mimeographed copy removes the dependability of characteristics of footing which ordinarily could be considered and depended upon in the examination of a direct typewritten specimen. It was observed, moreover, from such examination as was possible of the questioned specimen, that the "g" is aligned to the left, the "l" is aligned to the right, and the "h" tends slightly towards the right, and these characteristics are in agreement with the mimeographed specimen submitted to the Laboratory for examination.

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It was also observed that four dashes appearing on the questioned specimen seem to constitute a dotted line such as appears on the known specimen. It is further stated that this agreement in characteristics would indicate the probability that the typewriter used to prepare the stencil for the known specimen was also used to prepare the stencil from which the mimeographed wording on the questioned specimen was produced, but sufficient characteristic detail is not available in the questioned specimen to warrant a definite opinion.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

##### THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION, AT TOTTENVILLE, N. Y.

Will interview JOHN FOLGER, 5049 Arthur Kill Road, securing specimens of his handwriting and handprinting, using the same wording as appearing in the extortion notes in instant case, and forward same to the Bureau for examination.

For the information of the New York Office, the wording of the notes is reflected in the report of Special Agent (A) R. L. Fay, dated at Newark, New Jersey, 5-19-37, copies of which report have previously been furnished to the New York Office. It should be pointed out that the envelopes which contained the extortion notes were handprinted, with the exception of the envelope of the letter postmarked May 10, 1937, which was handwritten.

##### THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION, AT PATERSON, N. J.

Will contact PAT FREMAK, Identification Unit, Paterson Police Department, and request that the unidentified prints developed on instant extortion notes be searched through the single fingerprint files of his Bureau, and request that a copy of same be placed therein.

Will report the results of the Technical Laboratory's examination of the fingerprints of former inmates of the Rahway Reformatory and New Jersey State Prison

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March 24, 1938

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9-2777 - 66

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR.,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 11, 1938, concerning the above entitled case, in which it was pointed out that Assistant United States Attorney Palmer expressed the opinion that no successful prosecution could ever be had against William David Benjamin and that he did not feel the Government should undertake any action with regard to committing Benjamin to a mental institution.

As pointed out in my letter of March 7th, the Bureau does not desire to present this matter to the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C., and it is requested that you again contact the United States Attorney at Los Angeles for his opinion as to the desirability of reporting the activities of William David Benjamin to the Veterans Administration Facility in Los Angeles. In the event the United States Attorney suggests that the facts concerning Benjamin's activities be presented to the Veterans Administration Facility, of course this matter should be handled by his office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - New York City

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

903 Pacific Commerce Bldg.  
Los Angeles, California  
March 11th, 1938

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR.,  
President General Motors  
Corporation - Victim;  
EXTORTION  
L. A. File 9-200

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of February 11, 1938 (file 9-2777) enclosing Laboratory report number 9-2777-53 covering a letter written by WILLIAM DAVID BENJAMIN of Los Angeles, California, to the victim in this case postmarked at Los Angeles on January 24, 1938. In this connection, reference is made to my letter of January 27, 1938 wherein the Bureau was advised that WILLIAM DAVID BENJAMIN had been reinterviewed by Special Agents of this office advising that since December 29, 1937 all opportunity for putting his projects into operation had ceased and he would, therefore, write no more such letters.

It would be noted that the letter of January 24, 1938 covered by the Laboratory report mentioned herein was apparently written immediately after the interview with the Special Agents of this office. In this connection, reference is also made to Bureau letter of December 21, 1937, bearing the same file number, in which it was suggested that this office interview the U. S. Attorney for his opinion as to the desirability of having BENJAMIN committed to some mental institution. 3/24/38

Special Agent G. J. Ross of this office discussed this matter on March 3, 1938 with Mr. William Fleet Palmer, Assistant U. S. Attorney here, who is well acquainted with these matters and who personally has talked with MR. BENJAMIN. Mr. Palmer stated that he is certain that no successful prosecution could ever be had against this

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 17264

Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subject  
Charles Green, Victim.  
Extortion

Number: 9-2725-10

Specimens: 9-2725-10 K3 Sample handwriting of Harry Ising consisting of six sheets  
of paper marked #1 thru #6.  
" K4 Sample handwriting of Theodore "Ted" Lyda consisting of  
eight sheets of paper marked #1 thru #8.

Fingerprints of Theodore "Ted" Lyda and Harry Ising, ~~unavailable~~

Examination requested by: San Francisco

Date received: 6-11-37 at 9:30 am

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint

Result of examination: neither K3 nor K4  
ident Q1 + Q2.

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Examination by: Blackburn/E

Director, F.B.I.  
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man although some cases have been brought to his attention by Post Office Inspectors in which the letters apparently constitute violations of the Extortion Statute. He also stated that with the exception of his tendency to write such letters, this man is apparently entirely harmless and he understands him to be supporting an aged mother. For this reason, he does not feel that the Government should undertake any action with regard to committing this man to any mental institution.

In view of the fact that this man is a War veteran, as indicated in my letter of January 27th, it is again suggested that the Bureau may desire to take steps through the Veterans Administration toward controlling this man's tendency to write extortion letters either through having that Facility commit him to a proper mental institution or otherwise seek to correct this condition.

This matter is, with this letter, being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

GJR:MO  
cc: New York

  
J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge

HB:CM

March 16, 1938.

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9-2777 - 65

Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alfred P.  
Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation,  
Victim: EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

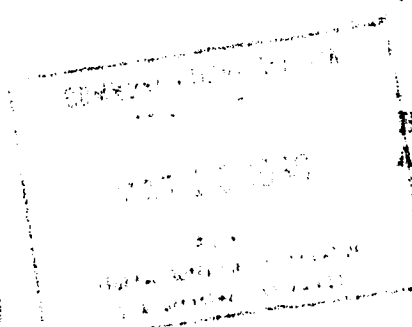
Reference is made to your letter of March 12, 1938,  
requesting that the fingerprints of the individuals listed  
below be compared with the latent impressions previously  
developed in this case:

William Glus, #FBI-382014.  
James Taylor, #FBI-861472.  
William Thomas, #FBI-201318.  
James Jones, #FBI-943654.  
James Johnson, #FBI-627427.  
Christopher Cethers, #FBI-495206.  
Henry Johnson, #FBI-808127.  
Charles Anderson, #FBI-947191.

You are advised that these comparisons have been made,  
but no identification could be effected.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date Recorded: 3-14-38 4:30 P.M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR.,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - VICTIM.  
Specimens: EXTORTION.

Number: 9-2777-65

Requested that the fingerprints of the following suspects  
be compared with the latents developed in this case:

William Glum, FBI #382014.

James Taylor, FBI #861472.

William Thomas, FBI #201318.

James Jones, FBI #943654.

James Johnson, FBI #627427.

Christopher Gethers, FBI #495206.

Henry Johnson, FBI #808127.

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: chp Mar. 14, 1938.

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by: Sullivan

Charles Anderson, FBI #947191.

*for fingerprints and file, 3-14-38*

*compared no result*

*Dist HJ 3-15*



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

936 Payson-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

ECW:EL  
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March 12, 1938.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Identification Division.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR.,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - VICTIM.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 18, 1938 (9-2777) regarding the above-entitled case, in which it was requested that the FBI numbers be given for certain releaseds from the Rahway Reformatory, Rahway, New Jersey and the New Jersey State Prison, Trenton, New Jersey.

The information desired is being furnished herewith and it is requested that the fingerprints of these individuals be compared with the latent impressions developed in instant case:

William/Blum (not/Blum),	Rahway Reformatory #11565 FBI #368011
James/Taylor,	Rahway Reformatory #11747 FBI #483172
William/Thomas,	Rahway Reformatory #10509 FBI #381316
James/Jones,	Rahway Reformatory #11798 FBI #34302
James/Johnson,	Rahway Reformatory #15093 FBI #27427
Christopher/Cathers, (not/Cathers)	Rahway Reformatory #11319 FBI #35206

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letter to Director  
March 18, 1958.

For the information of the Bureau, the New Jersey Reformatory was advised that their correct number for John [redacted] is 14499, as reflected by the screen in reference letter, rather than 14409, previously reported by this division.

Henry [redacted] Johnson,

New Jersey State Prison #17052  
FBI #634127

Charles [redacted] Anderson,

New Jersey State Prison #17870  
FBI #917191

Very truly yours,

*T. J. Donegan*  
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T. J. DONEGAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

March 8, 1938

9-2777 -51-64

Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Re: Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President, General Motors Corporation - Victim; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau

February 21, 1938.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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March 8, 1938

Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan,  
Junior, President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim; Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-61

Specimens:

K52, One sheet, mimeographed form, mimeographed by Joseph Veres, which  
is titled: "ISTENTISZTELET SORRENDJE: 1938 JANUAR 23".

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: 2-21-38

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Major *W.M.*

No definite conclusion was reached whether the typewriting on the two  
small pieces of paper previously designated by laboratory number 9-2777-2  
Q2 was produced by the typewriter used to prepare the mimeographed stencil  
from which specimen 9-2777-61 K52 was prepared.

The questioned specimen is very brief and is also a mimeographed copy  
and being a mimeographed copy removes the dependability of characteristics  
of footing which ordinarily could be considered and depended upon in  
examination of a direct typewritten specimen. It was observed, however,  
from such examination as was possible of the questioned specimen that the  
"s" is aligned to the left, the "z" is aligned to the right and the "k"  
tilts slightly toward the right and these characteristics are in agreement  
with the mimeographed specimen designated as K52. It was also observed  
that four dashes appearing in the questioned specimen seems to constitute  
a dotted line such as appears on the known specimen, K52. This agreement  
in characteristics would indicate the probability that the typewriter  
used to prepare the stencil for K52 was also used to prepare the stencil  
from which the mimeographed wording on Q2 was produced but as stated suf-  
ficient characteristic detail is not available in the questioned specimen  
to warrant a definite opinion.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**

FILE NO. **9-85 21**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Newark, New Jersey</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-7-38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-25, 27, 28; 2-3, 4-38</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L. C. WILSON</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. SLOAN, Jr., President, General Motors Corporation - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Postmaster, New Brunswick, N. J. unable furnish information regarding writer of extortion notes. Printing shops New Brunswick checked for information regarding mimeographed work. Application blanks of discharged employees General Motors Corp., Linden, N. J. secured and forwarded to Bureau 2-3-38. Request made of Bureau 2-3-38 to compare fingerprints former inmates New Jersey State Prison and Hanway Reformatory released between 1-1-30 and 5-15-37.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent L. G. Conley, Newark, New Jersey, 7-9-37.

**DETAILS:**

On January 25, 1938, Postmaster EDWARD GLEASON, New Brunswick, New Jersey, was contacted for the purpose of securing information as to the identity of a reputable Hungarian resident in New Brunswick who might possibly assist in the investigation involving Hungarian printing shops and residents in that city. MR. GLEASON stated he knew of no individual who might be able to cooperate with the Bureau in this respect. MR. GLEASON stated that ERNEST W. NICKELSKY, Commercial Printing Company, 126 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, N. J. recently applied for a mailing permit and that this individual had, in the past, pub-

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linked a Hungarian newspaper. He suggested that perhaps ALAN F. GALLIST, 97 Harvey Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey and HUGO HERRAS, Magyar Herald, 105 North 8th Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, might be able to furnish some information regarding the Hungarian writing which appeared on the piece of mimeographed paper pasted over the back of the envelope of one of the extortion notes.

On January 25, 1938, MR. FRANCIS H. GIBBS, Manager, Meeker Multigraphing Company, 34 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, was contacted and stated that this concern did considerable mimeographing but that the stencils were cut by electric typewriters which were not Royal typewriters. He stated that his concern possessed only one Royal typewriter but that it was not equipped for writing the Hungarian language. He also stated that he was under the impression that one JOSEPH VERES, a social worker who resided at 170 Jefferson Street, New Brunswick, did mimeograph work but that he was not sure if this was so. He also stated that one JOSEPH CELKO, presently associated with the Lewis Ticket Agency at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, formerly resided in New Brunswick and did public mimeograph work last year. MR. GIBBS also advised that he had never employed an individual whose initials were "P. J. A.". A sample of typewriting was secured from the machine which was at the Meeker Multigraphing Company and it is being transmitted to the Bureau, under separate cover, for examination.

On January 25, 1938, Miss MARY CSEMA, at the Magyar Airlop Publishing Company, 48 Albany Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, was interviewed to determine whether she had any information concerning the source of the mimeograph paper which was placed on the back of the extortion letter envelope. She stated that she was unable to furnish any information in this connection. Miss CSEMA advised that the translation of the Hungarian words, "MOST MÅ SZEPK SZEDB", is "NOW ALREADY NICELY PICKED", and does not mean, "NOW ALREADY, BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS", as stated in the laboratory report dated May 20, 1937. She stated that the Hungarian word for beautiful is "GYONYORI" and the Hungarian word for bloom is "VIRIT". She further ad-

vised that there was no such Hungarian word as, "SZEDBE", but stated that the word should be spelled, "SZEDVE". She also advised that the words, "SZED BE" mean, "TO PICK INSIDE" and that the word "SZEDVEK" is the plural of the word, "BEAUTIFUL". MISS CSEMA advised there was no one employed at the Magyar Hirlop Publishing Company whose initials were "P. J. A.". In this connection, she advised that in Hungarian, the letter "P" as written would stand for the surname instead of the first name of an individual. In other words, in writing initials in Hungarian, the initial of the surname is placed first. She stated that one JOSEPH VERES, 170 Jefferson Street, New Brunswick, was the organist for the Hungarian Reform Church and that he does his own mimeographing and typewriting.

She also stated that she believed one JAMES ROBA, 203 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, who dealt in real estate, possibly possessed a Royal typewriter equipped with Hungarian type, although she did not believe that he did any mimeograph work. MISS CSEMA advised that the Magyar Hirlop Publishing Company possessed no typewriters of any kind.

On January 27, 1938, MR. JOSEPH VERES, 170 Jefferson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, was interviewed and he stated that he was unable to furnish any information whatsoever which might be of assistance in this case. He further stated that he did not own a typewriter and did no mimeograph work. In this connection, it should be noted that MR. VERES spoke English with difficulty and it is not known by Agent whether VERES understood exactly what was wanted.

On January 27, 1938, Chief FRANK HICKEY, of the Linden, New Jersey, Police Department, was contacted to determine whether he had any knowledge of instant case or had any knowledge of who might have written the letters in instant case and whether letters of a similar nature had ever been turned over to him for investigation. Chief HICKEY stated he had no such letters, but that at one time MR. W. COLTHART, Manager, Gordon Distilleries, Linden, New Jersey, had turned over to him a letter which contained statements of a somewhat threatening nature. Accompanied by Detective STEPHEN HUCKLEBACH, of the Linden,

FJH:DMS

May 29, 1937.

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9-2725-9

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Re: Unknown Subject;  
Charles Green, Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau

May 18, 1937.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #1018235.

MAY 1937

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New Jersey, Police Department, Agent interviewed MR. COLTHART at the Gordon Distilleries, Edgar Road, Linden, New Jersey, who produced numerous letters which had been received by him since the opening of the plant about two years ago. MR. COLTHART stated that because of the fact that he was Scotch and further, because most of the officials in the plant were also Scotch, he had received a great many crank letters, obviously from employees of the company. He was questioned as to the nature of the letter to which Chief HICKEY had referred and stated that while he remembered the one Chief HICKEY had in mind, he was unable to locate it. He did, however, state that this letter appeared to involve only his own organization, inasmuch as it made certain statements to the effect that in the event, certain employee who had been discharged was not re-instated, his activities in the past would be exposed. These activities, MR. COLTHART stated, according to the letter, were that he had dealt in illicit liquor in Canada previous to the time he had come to Linden. Most of the letters which MR. COLTHART had in his possession were anonymous and these were inspected by Agent. It was determined from the inspection of these letters that none of them bore sufficient similar handwriting characteristics to the notes in instant case to warrant sending them to the Technical Laboratory at the Bureau for further examination. MR. COLTHART stated, however, that he would retain these letters in his possession.

Chief HICKEY later advised that a woman and a young man had been arrested in Carteret, New Jersey some months ago and that as he remembered the case, they had been trying to "snake down" a doctor for \$5,000.00 under threat of exposing his activities in connection with performing abortions. Preliminary investigation in this matter was conducted by an Agent of the Newark office and it was found that there was no violation over which the Bureau had jurisdiction. This case, however, was handled by the post office inspectors at Newark and as a result of their investigation, one IRMA SCOLNICK was arrested in Carteret, New Jersey on April 10, 1937. There was no record at the Carteret Police Department of the man who was alleged to be involved in this case with IRMA SCOLNICK. It was

determined, however, that she was turned over to the post office inspectors and was incarcerated in the Hudson County Jail at Jersey City, New Jersey.

On February 6, 1938, MR. JOHN CANNON, Identification Officer, Hudson County Jail, Jersey City, New Jersey, advised that SCOLNICK had been received at that institution on a charge of extortion. There was no record at this place of the individual who was arrested with her. It was determined that her F. B. I. number is 1286896 and the Hudson County Sheriff's Office number is 17034.

On February 7, 1938, Inspector KELLY, of the Post Office Inspectors, advised that the individual who was arrested with LENA SCOLNICK was GEORGE TOMMERA and that his arrest number was the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Police Department 160015. Inspector KELLY did not have the letters which had been written in connection with this case, but stated that he doubted very much whether there was any connection between this case and instant case due to the fact that the case in which SCOLNICK and TOMMERA were involved was apparently a family matter, inasmuch as LENA SCOLNICK was related to the wife of the doctor from whom an attempt was made to extort money. The Bureau, however, is being requested to compare the fingerprints of these individuals with the latent prints developed on instant extortion notes.

On February 4, 1938, MR. J. W. HINCHAY, Manager, Prior Typewriter Exchange, George Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, advised there were only a few typewriters in the city of New Brunswick which were equipped for writing Hungarian and that he believed he would be able to locate records on these typewriters showing the individuals to whom they were sold.

PETER F. PARKER, repair man for the Prior Typewriter Exchange, stated that there were one or two typewriters equipped for writing Hungarian in the St. Ladislaus School located on Somerset Street between High and Prospect Streets in New Brunswick. It was determined that there is another repair man employed by this concern by the name of LARRY L. ALBING, who might possibly have some information of value in this case.

On February 1, 1938, a request was made by letter of W. H. ALLEN, Warden, Assistant Director of Parole, State Prison, Trenton, New Jersey, that the Newark Division be furnished with a list of former inmates of the Annapolis Reformatory, Annapolis, New Jersey, residing in Monmouth and Middlesex Counties, New Jersey, and who were released from that institution between January 1, 1936 and May 15, 1937. This information is being secured in order that the fingerprints of these individuals may be compared with the latent impressions developed on the instant extortion notes.

On February 3, 1938, a list of the individuals who have been released from the New Jersey State Prison, Trenton, New Jersey, and the Rahway Reformatory, Rahway, New Jersey between the dates of January 1, 1936 and May 15, 1937 were transmitted to the Bureau in order that the fingerprints of these individuals might be compared with the latent impressions on instant extortion notes.

On February 2, 1938, J. CHESBOLD, Employment Manager, General Motors Corporation, Linden, New Jersey, furnished the files of all former employees who had been discharged or who resigned from this plant. The application blanks were prepared in the handwriting of the applicants and upon inspection of these applications, it was determined that all of them bore sufficient similarity to the instant extortion notes to warrant further investigation by the Technical Laboratory and, therefore, on February 3, 1938, these application blanks were transmitted to the Bureau for examination.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION, AT NEW SPENCER, N. J.  
Will contact the following printing shops in an effort to ascertain the source of the typewritten, mimeographed Hungarian words which appeared on the envelope in which instant extortion letter was received:

Calpus Press,  
180 Easton Avenue.

C. A. Printing Service,  
97 Harvey Street.

E. Kuben,  
283 Burnet Street.

Ben Poras,  
321 Maritan Avenue.

Hugo Korman,  
c/o Magyar Herald,  
105 North 8th Avenue,  
Highland Park, N. J.

Will contact MR. J. A. KINCHEY, Prior Typewriter Exchange, and secure from him information regarding the individuals to whom Royal typewriters, equipped with Hungarian type, have been sold.

Will also contact the Superintendent of the St. Macislaus School, Somerset Street, and secure samples from the typewriters at that school which are equipped with Hungarian type, submitting same to the Technical Laboratory for examination.

Will also contact PETER B. LAMER and LEROY L. BISHING, repair men, Prior Typewriter Exchange, for information regarding any individuals who possess Royal typewriters equipped for writing Hungarian.

AT LIMBEN, NEW JERSEY

Will contact Postmaster SCHUL-APER to determine whether any complaints regarding receipt of threatening letters have been referred to him and if possible, secure these letters and forward them to the Technical Laboratory for examination.

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Will contact RAT FERRAN

Paterson Police Department

Will report the results

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February 21, 1938.

6-2777-62  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Re: Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan,  
Junior, President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau

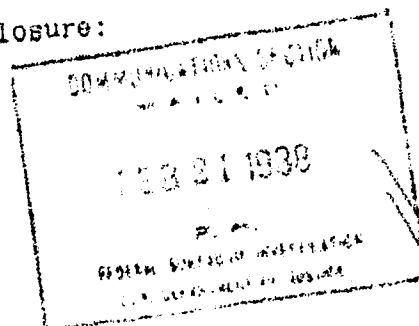
February 11, 1938.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure:



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

21442

FJM:EG

Laboratory Report

Case: February 21, 1938.  
Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan, Junior,  
President, General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-86

Specimens:

K51. One page of sample typewriting from Royal Typewriter,  
#EX-1478658, at Meeker Multigraphing Company, 34 Bayard Street,  
New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Examination requested by:

Newark

Date received:

2/11/38

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Major

The conclusion has been reached that the typewriting on specimen 9-2777-2 Q2 was not produced on the typewriter used to prepare the known specimen designated by Laboratory #9-2777-86 K51. The known specimen K51 shows several defective characters which do not appear in the typewriting of Q2.

It is suggested that in the future when obtaining typewriting specimens for comparison with Q2 that the wording "most war szepek ker, n szedbe: az id Tjal" be used. Such specimens will afford a better comparison of alignment of typewriting which cannot be eliminated by defective characters as was the specimen designated K51.

- 1 - Bureau
- 2 - Newark
- 1 - Laboratory

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 21594

Laboratory Report

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. SLOAN, jr.  
President, General Motors Corporation,  
Victim - Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-61

Specimens:

9-2777-61 K 52 One sheet mimeographed form, mimeographed by Joseph Veres,  
which is titled: "ISTENTISATELET SORRENDJE: 1938 JANUAR  
23."

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: Blocked 2/21/38. Recorded 2/25/38. 2:30 p.m. mfr

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

*No conclusion reached*

Examination by:

Major

*Probably the typewriter*

Compare with Q 2.

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3 2 K *slightly*

*But mimeographed questioned  
does not afford sufficient  
characteristics to warrant a  
definite opinion.*

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

WPE:ON  
9-2777-54

Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.,  
President, General Motors Corporation,  
Victims; Extortion.

As a result of his examination of specimens submitted by the Newark Field Division in connection with the above-entitled case and received in the laboratory February 4, 1938, Mr. Major, the #1 examiner, reports in his opinion that none of the known specimens is identical with the questioned writing.

Mr. Blackburn, associate examiner, reached no conclusion regarding the writing of John Fodor.

Accordingly, the more conservative opinion of Mr. Blackburn is being furnished the Newark Field Division.

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey. *my woe.*

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Laboratory Report

Case:

Unknown Subject;  
Charles Green, Victim;  
Extortion.

May 29, 1937.

Number:

9-2725-5

Specimens:

- 9-2725-5 K1 Sample handwriting of Charles Green consisting of six sheets of paper marked #1 through #6.  
" K2 Sample handwriting of Kenneth A. Stewart consisting of six sheets of paper marked #1 through #6.

Fingerprints of Charles Green and Kenneth A. Stewart, for elimination.

Examination requested by:

Fingerprints of Charles Logan, suspect.

San Francisco

Date received:

May 18, 1937

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Major

Following a comparison of the submitted specimens of handwriting of Charles Green and of Kenneth A. Stewart with the handwriting on the extortion letter and on the envelope, the conclusion has been reached that neither of these individuals is the writer.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

1-Bureau  
2-San Francisco  
1-Laboratory

9-2725-9

936 Raymond-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

ECM:ML  
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February 3, 1938.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Identification Division.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SIZAR, JUNIOR,  
President, General  
Motors Corporation -  
Victim. EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith a list of the names and fingerprint numbers of former inmates of the New Jersey State Prison, Trenton, New Jersey who were released from that institution between January 1, 1936 and May 15, 1937. It is requested that their fingerprints be compared with those unidentified latent prints developed as set out in Bureau letter dated May 16, 1937 (9-2777).

There is also being transmitted herewith a list of former inmates of the Rahway Reformatory, Rahway, New Jersey, who were released between the same dates indicated above, and it is also requested that these prints be compared with the unidentified latent prints.

Very truly yours,

T. J. DONEGAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Handwritten notes and signatures at the bottom right of the page, including "9-2777-52" and "9-2777-52".

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED F. CLOAN, JUNIOR,  
President, General  
Savings Corporation -  
Victim. EXTORTION.

Name

Highway Reformatory Number

William Blum	11555
Benjamin F. Morris	11141 333209
Carlill Haywood	11107 355433
Joseph Hall	11712 452585
James Kossandi	11112 375206
James Kenneth	11152 887273
James Taylor L.S.	11717
Michael Shornack	11121 544432
William Thomas L.S.	10509
Henry Evers	11121 2447281
Sam Nagelston	11138 294175
John Koss	11109 344436
Clidney Patar	11120 254436
James Jones L.S.	11750
Nicholas Tarabecki	11118 355712
Steve Nebber	11100 353827
William Matthews	11158 352306
James Rosko	13390 240437
Tony Koscinkiewicz	10885 241111
Edmund Krull	11589 544432
Steve Felsted	11601 645287
Nicholas Cielak	13057 278304
Anthony Buscavage	11938 340322
Richard Tague	11666 244260
John Witkowski	11106 168072
Edward Bishop	12113 344432
Walter Mickulick	11781 344432
Joseph Pilarsky	11752 452188
Mike Kesley	15726 302643
Dean Louis Korhir	11832 452308
Thomas L. Puryear	11934 456119
George Rowland	13533 1114141
Ernest Decanto	11819 214618

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10:41  
9-35

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reformatory Number</u>
✓ Joseph Marlong	12202 <del>478132</del>
✓ Edward Maito	15308 <del>391604</del>
✓ James Johnson L S	15093
✓ Richard Forman	15092 <del>1023164</del>
✓ Peter Losko	14837 <del>912514</del>
✓ Anthony Carona	13410 <del>380732</del>
✓ Jerry Luiza	15037 <del>651232</del>
✓ Tony Carrizzo	14875 <del>467555</del>
✓ Reuben Monroe	9540 <del>1162439</del>
✓ Joseph Mikulick	14851 <del>623449</del>
✓ Joseph Caelongio	14922 <del>608746</del>
✓ Paul William Arway	14949 <del>634664</del>
✓ Robert S. Weeks	15133 <del>443604</del>
✓ Christopher Cathers	14329 0
✓ Genaro Ferrante	15251 <del>463121</del>
✓ George DePaek	11772 <del>978805</del>
✓ Raymond Johnson	15019 <del>1065572</del>
✓ Otis Applegate	15101 <del>724951</del>
✓ Alfair Cobbs	15042 <del>976572</del>
✓ Edward Cwiklinski	14838 <del>590511</del>
✓ Bernard Pratt	12417 <del>294600</del>
✓ Ray W. Gordon	15161 <del>1089958</del>
✓ Armond Tommini	15231 <del>754284</del>
✓ Stephen Sipos	12973 <del>346070</del>

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLEMAN, JUNIOR,  
President, General  
Motors Corporation -  
Victim. EXTORTION.

Name	New Jersey State Prison Number
John C. Mallon	17809 <del>71603</del>
Frederic B. Hill	18338 <del>1044765</del>
Rochelle Cooper	18340 <del>1021751</del>
Louis Keeley	18360 <del>1871131</del>
Lawrence Gaines	17311 <del>703487</del>
James Ayers	16098 <del>400912</del>
Albert Laip	17712 <del>346057</del>
Geo. Kershhouse	17293 <del>316491</del>
Leroy Wright	1664 <del>62149</del>
Franklin Hulse	(NY FBI) 18226 <del>5</del>
Ester Andrews	18357 <del>1103315</del>
Billie Niel	16099 <del>23104</del>
Henry Johnson	17052
Stephen Shepherd	17006 <del>390251</del>
Wade Carroll	12576 <del>227927</del>
Cassiel Frederick	18113 <del>464428</del>
Wm. C. Sweeney	17837 <del>327271</del>
Eugene Summers	18283 <del>468070</del>
Wm. Davis	8363
Daniel Burgess	15269 <del>254293</del>
Elmer Malbury	15268 <del>254304</del>
Alonso Holmes	14695 <del>506647</del>
Gurcock Smith	17051 <del>325207</del>
Charles Anderson	17876
Geo. Takacs	18002 <del>291203</del>
Harry DeStephano	15758 <del>193070</del>
Paul Perretti	18027 <del>645955</del>
Fred Cruso	17358 <del>269380</del>
Claude Robinson	17336 <del>72527</del>
Joseph Zielinski	17006 <del>82172</del>
Jack Watson	17408 <del>158914</del>
Angelo Esposito	15741 <del>61966</del>
Chas. J. Cortez	16191 <del>242373</del>

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<u>Name</u>	<u>New Jersey State Prison Number</u>
✓ Chas. Forner	11240 381718
✓ Geo. Messner	17916 1004122
✓ James Houston	17572 746426
✓ Albert Coughran	17745 874234
✓ John Cook	17744 505836
✓ Charles Locke	17790 2192226
✓ Casper Hammel	17508 302220
✓ Taylor R. Esthers	16854 215948
✓ Benj. Cox	17666 921742
✓ Elmer Morgan	16581 77362
✓ Vito DeGrippe	17573 398224
✓ Alex. Verona	17246 745331
✓ Paul Blake	13672 345387



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February 15, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau

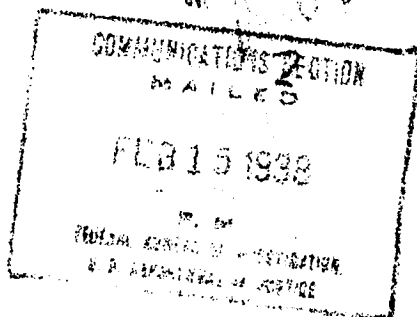
February 4, 1938.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover.  
Director.

Enclosure: *[initials]*



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Invoice of Contents from  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date February 15, 1938

Case Reference:

Unknown Subjects; Alfred P.  
Sloan, Jr. Pres., Gen. Motors  
Corp. - Victim; Extortion.

Consigned to: Mr. T. J. Donegan,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
936 Raymond-Commerce Bldg.,  
Newark, N.J.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

21339

February 15, 1938.

Laboratory Report

Case: **Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.,  
President, General Motors Corporation,  
Victims; Extortion.**

9-2777-54

Number:

Specimens: **K50. Forty-one folders containing the application blanks of  
former employees of the Linden Division of the General  
Motors Corporation, Linden, New Jersey, as listed in  
cover letter under date of February 3, 1938.**

Newark

Examination requested by:

2-4-38

Date received:

Document

Examination requested:

Major #1  
Blackburn #2  
Redictated by  
Ellwood

Result of examination:

Examination by:

The handwriting and handprinting which appear on the application blanks of former employees of the Linden Division of the General Motors Corporation were compared with the handwriting and handprinting on the extortion letters previously submitted in connection with this case and from such comparison as was possible with the submitted specimens no conclusion was reached as to whether these letters were written by John Fodor. None of the other individuals whose applications were submitted is suspected of having written the extortion letters in this case.

The forty-one folders which you submitted are being returned under separate cover by registered mail. With the exception of John Fodor, photographic copies of the remaining application blanks have not been made inasmuch as none of these individuals is suspected of having written the extortion letters.

1-Bureau  
2-Newark  
1-Laboratory

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February 11, 1938

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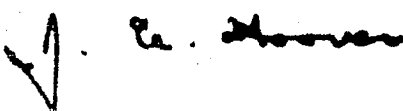
Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior,  
President General Motors  
Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

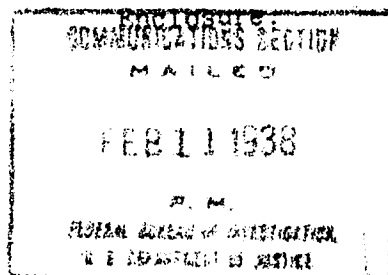
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau February 4, 1938.

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Los Angeles



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
February 11, 1938

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Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-53

Specimens:

- Q39, One envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, California, 3,  
Arcade Annex, January 24, 1938, 6 P. M."  
Q40, One sheet apparently inclosed in Q39 which reads: "My  
Son of....".

New York

Examination requested by:

Date received: 2-4-38

Examination requested: Document

Major

Result of examination:

Examination by:

The handwriting on the letter and envelope designated by laboratory numbers 9-2777-53 Q40 and Q39 was written by the same person who wrote previous script letters submitted in connection with this case, some of which are signed William David Rejoan.

Photographic copies of the submitted evidence are enclosed herewith.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

- 1 Bureau
- 2 New York
- 1 Los Angeles
- 1 Laboratory

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FILE NO. 9-127

REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-29-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5-29-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. E. FARLAND</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLES GREEN - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Charles Berta and E. R. Sherwood now inmates of the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz.

R. U. C.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent H. K. Johnson, San Francisco, California, 5-8-37.  
Report of Special Agent W. C. Ryan, Seattle, Washington, 5-24-37.

**DETAILS:**

At the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Agent was informed by E. H. Eckholdt, Secretary to the Warden, that Charles Berta and E. R. Sherwood had been transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz on 9-2-34 and at the time of the transfer all records of correspondents, visitors, etc. were transferred along with these individuals.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>9-2725-38</b>	JUN 1 - 1937
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 21412

Laboratory Report

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JUNIOR,  
President, General  
Motors Corporation - Victim  
EXTORTION

Number: 9-2777-56

Specimens:

9-2777-56 K51 One page of sample typewriting from Royal Typewriter,  
#SX-1478652, at Meeker Multigraphing Company, 34 Bayard St.,  
New Brunswick, N. J.

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: 2/11/38 (recorded 2/16/38 mtg 9:00 A. M.)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

*Not identical*

Examination by: Major

Q2 - h a o

K-51 - h a o

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 21398

Laboratory Report

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. -  
President, General Motors Corp. - Victim;  
Extortion.

Number: 9-2777

Specimens: Requested that specimens 9-2777-49 Q35, Q 36, Q 37 and Q 38  
9- be compared with the letter written by William David Benjamin,  
also ~~XXXXXX~~ compare 9-2777-~~XX~~ 53 Q 39 and Q 40 with the  
letters written by William David Benjamin.

Examination requested by: (Director) (Ans. to Div. One)

Date received: (Rec. 2-14-38 9:30 AM hr)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Send photographic copies of Specimens Q 35, Q 36, Q 37, Q 38, Q 39, Q 40 and Q 41 to Div. One. 9-2911-102

William D. Benjamin, Victor William Mayo, Victim, Extortion  
9-701

William D. Benjamin, Mrs. Post Hutton, Victim, Extortion  
9-701

William David Benjamin, George Peppardine, Victim,  
Extortion

9-2911

Los Angeles -

Typewriting of Q 37 & Q 38,  
different from typewriting on  
9-2911-101, Q 2 & Q 3.

Q 37 & Q 38 on Und Pea registry  
9-2911m Q 1 Q 2 & Q 3 on Woodstock  
Pea.



RE: NY

February 16, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P.  
SLOAN, JR., PRESIDENT, GENERAL  
MOTORS CORPORATION, Victim;  
EXTORTION.

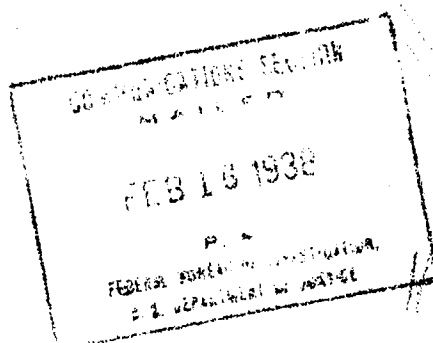
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 10, 1938,  
requesting that the fingerprints of Lena Scolnick, #FBI-1286096,  
and George Tammara, #160015, Police Department, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, #FBI-1281785, be compared with the latent impres-  
sions previously developed in the instant case.

You are advised that the comparisons requested were  
made without effecting an identification.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 8172

Recorded: 2-12-38 -mch- 9:00 AM  
Single Fingerprint Report

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., PRESIDENT,  
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION - VICTIM.  
EXTORTION.

Number: 9-2777-57

Specimens: Request contained in letter dated 2-10-38 that the fingerprints of L  
Lena Scolnick, FBI#1286096 and George Tammara, PD, Philadelphia, Pa.,  
#160015 be secured from file and compared with the latents in this  
case. *F.B.I. 1286096*

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: 2-11-38

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Sullivan

*Compare, no ident HJ*  
Note: Copy of letter to Card Index for search.

*Lat 2-15-38 HJ*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

936 Raymond-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

EC:ML  
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February 10, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Identification Division.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JUNIOR,  
President, General  
Motors Corporation -  
Victim. EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the fingerprints of Lena Scol-  
nick, FBI # 1280096, Sheriff's Office, Jersey City, New  
Jersey # 17054, and George Tomara, Philadelphia, Pennsyl-  
vania Police Department # 160015, be compared with the  
latent impressions developed on the extortion notes in instant  
case.

Very truly yours,

*T. J. Donegan*  
T. J. DONEGAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

935 Raymond-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

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February 10, 1938.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Technical Laboratory

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SICAN, JUNIOR,  
President, General  
Motors Corporation -  
Victim. EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a specimen of type-  
writing taken from Royal typewriter # SX 1478652, owned  
by the Meeker Multigraphing Company, 34 Bayard Street, New  
Brunswick, New Jersey.

It is requested that a comparison of this type-  
writing be made with the typewriting of Specimen Q-2.

Very truly yours,

*J. J. Donegan*  
T. J. DONEGAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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February 9, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim.  
EXTORTION.

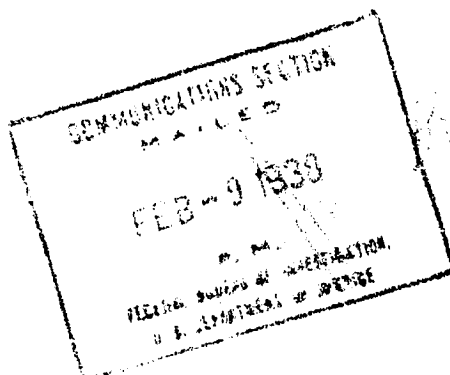
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 3, 1938, transmitting two lists of names and fingerprint numbers of suspects in the instant case with the request that fingerprints be compared with those unidentified latent prints previously developed in this case.

The examination requested is being made and your office will be advised as to the results in the next several days.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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Major - Blackman

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

938 Raymond-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

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February 3, 1938.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Technical Laboratory.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. CLOAN, JUNIOR,  
President, GENERAL  
MOTORS CORPORATION -  
Victim. EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted, under separate cover,  
by registered mail, 41 complete folders containing the applica-  
tion blanks of former employees of the Linden division of the  
General Motors Corporation, Linden, New Jersey. These appli-  
cations were prepared in the handwriting of the applicants.  
These employees either have been discharged or have resigned,  
and it is requested that handwriting comparisons be made with  
the extortion notes which were received in this case. A list  
of the applications is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

*T. J. Donagan*

T. J. DONAGAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
RE: ALFRED P. SLOAN, JUNIOR,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim.  
EXTORTION.

Ball, Richard T.  
Beirne, John J.  
Bellew, Lawrence P.  
Billy, Charles  
Bogany, Fred  
Bogary, John R.  
Botwinik, George  
Casalese, Salvatore, Jr.  
Collins, Aloysius R.  
Cox, Alfred E.  
Evans, John V.  
Fodor, John  
Galsky, Edward  
Gardner, George  
Harol, Edward A.  
Leehan, Patrick E.  
Long, Raymond A.  
Lozica, Peter A.  
Lux, Howard R.  
McKenzie, Edward J.  
McLaughlin, Joseph G.  
Nacig, Sidney S.  
Marciniak, Stephen  
Matulevitch, Anthony  
Mazur, Walter  
Midura, Leon J.  
Milanlewich, Alexander  
Murray, John W.  
O'Reilly, Charles A.  
O'Toole, Thomas J.  
Paoli, Paul  
Parits, Louis  
Pattwell, Thomas A.  
Ratajczak, Michael J.  
Rotino, Michael P.  
Ryan, William J.  
Sarkozy, Steve J.  
Schlapfer, Morris L.  
Tomshaw, Melvin  
Waxman, Jerry  
West, Lawrence H.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 21339

Laboratory Report

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Number: 9-2777-54

ALFRED P. SLOAN, JUNIOR,

President, GENERAL MOTORS CORP. - Victim;  
EXTORTION.

Specimens:

9-2777-54 K 50 Forty-one folders containing the application blanks of former employees of the Linden division of the General Motors Corporation, Linden, New Jersey, as listed in cover letter under date of February 3, 1938.

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: (Blocked 2-4-38) (Rec. 2-10-38 5:00 PM kr)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

*None suspected*

Examination by Major #1

NO PRELIMINARY OPINION PENDING ADVICE OF EXAMINER.

*from comparisons possible 3-14-38 3:29 PM*



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FILE NO.

9-127

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	5-29-37	5-29-37	A. E. FARLAND
TITLE			CHARACTER OF CASE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLES GREEN - Victim			EXTORTION

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Charles Berts and E. R. Sherwood now inmates of the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz.

R. U. C.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent H. E. Johnson, San Francisco, California, 5-8-37.  
Report of Special Agent W. C. Ryan, Seattle, Washington, 5-24-37.

**DETAILS:**

At the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Agent was informed by E. H. Bokholdt, Secretary to the Warden, that Charles Berts and E. R. Sherwood had been transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz on 9-2-34 and at the time of the transfer all records of correspondents, visitors, etc. were transferred along with these individuals.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

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February 3, 1938

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Att<sup>1</sup> TECHNICAL LABORATORY.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR. -  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim.  
EXTORTION. (Bureau file 9-2777)

Dear Sir:

There are being enclosed herewith an envelope addressed to Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., 820 Fifty Avenue, New York, N. Y., Personal, postmarked Los Angeles, Cal., Arcade Annex, January 24, 1938, 6 P.M., and a letter beginning "My Son of all the numerous things", and ending "Now act. Alfred P. Sloan Sr." Both letter and envelope are written in ink.

This letter was apparently written by William David Benjamin, 233 West 47th Street, Los Angeles, Cal., who has been writing rather regularly to Mr. Sloan under his own name and numerous aliases.

No request is made for any laboratory examination of these enclosures, it being suggested that the same be placed in the Bureau's files for possible future reference.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*  
R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Los Angeles  
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9-2777 -53

February 10, 1938.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE TECHNICAL LABORATORY

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

Alfred F. Sloan, Jr. -

President, General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

Reference is made to the report of the Technical Laboratory, dated January 28, 1938, listing Specimens 9-2777-49 Q35, 9-2777-49 Q36, 9-2777-49 Q37 and 9-2777-49 Q38.

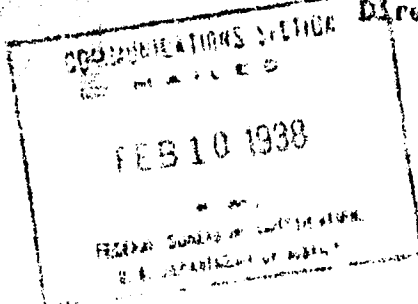
It is requested that these specimens be compared with other letters written by William David Benjamin in the cases referred to in Laboratory report, dated July 21, 1937, advising Division One of the results.

It is also desired that the letter addressed to Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., postmarked Los Angeles, California, January 24, 1938, signed "Alfred P. Sloan, Sr." be compared with the letters previously written by Benjamin and Division One advised of the results.

Please send also to Division One a photographic copy of the letter directed to Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., which is postmarked Los Angeles, California, January 24, 1932, and also one photographic copy each of specimens 9-2777-49 Q35 to 9-2777-49 Q38 inclusive.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 21226

Laboratory Report

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR. - President  
General Motors Corporation - Victim.  
EXTORTION.

Number: 9-2777-33

Specimens:

9-2777-33 Q 39 One envelope postmarked Los Angeles, Calif., 3, Arcade Annex,  
Jan 24, 1938 6 PM.  
" Q 40 One sheet apparently inclosed in Q 39 which reads: "My Son of --"

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: (Blocked 2-4-38) (Rec. 2-5-38 2:00 PM kr)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

cc-Los Angeles

Send 2 photos to Mr. Vogel.

Examination by: Major

*By writer of previous script letters  
some of which are signed  
William David Benjamin*

*Son of all the things I*

February 16, 1938.

WHS:CEK

9-2777-52

Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR.,  
PRESIDENT, GENERAL MOTORS  
CORPORATION, Victim.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of February 9, 1938, regarding the latent fingerprint examination being conducted in connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the fingerprints of the individuals listed with your letter of February 3, 1938, except those listed in the following paragraph have been compared with the latent impressions previously developed in this case without effecting an identification. It is noted that the Bureau's file for John Moss, #FBI-894236, reflects the Rahway Reformatory number for this individual #14499, rather than the #14709 given in your list.

A search of the alphabetical name files of the Identification Division upon the basis of the information given by you failed to disclose a fingerprint record for the persons mentioned below. It is suggested that the fingerprint classifications or the FBI numbers, where available, be given for these individuals:

William Klum, #14565, Rahway Reformatory.  
James Taylor, #14747, Rahway Reformatory.  
William Thomas, #10509, Rahway Reformatory.  
James Jones, #14798, Rahway Reformatory.  
James Johnson, #15093, Rahway Reformatory.  
Christopher Gathers, #14329, Rahway Reformatory.  
Henry Johnson, #17052, New Jersey State Prison.  
Charles Anderson, #17876, New Jersey State Prison.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 8031

Recorded: 2-5-38 ~~ach~~- 9:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., PRESIDENT,  
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION - VICTIM.  
EXTORTION.

Number: 9-2777-52

Specimens: Request contained in letter dated 2-3-38 that the fingerprints of individuals released from State Prison, Trenton, N. J. and Rahway Reformatory, Rahway, New Jersey, a list of same being attached to this recording sheet, be obtained and compared with the latents developed in this case.

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: 2-4-38

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Sullivan

Note: Copy of letter together with copy of the list of names to Card Index.

*For letter 2-8-38 on 2-9-38*

*for file on 2-9*

*Proposed report*

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*Case 9-28*  
*W.H. Cook*

*Dist 2-16-38*  
*W.H. Cook*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
990 Raymond-Barnes Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

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February 5, 1938.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Identification Division.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED F. SULLIVAN, JUNIOR,  
President, General  
Motors Corporation -  
Victim. EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith a list of the names and fingerprint numbers of former inmates of the New Jersey State Prison, Trenton, New Jersey who were released from that institution between January 1, 1936 and May 15, 1937. It is requested that their fingerprints be compared with those unidentified latent prints developed as set out in Bureau letter dated May 18, 1937 (9-2777).

There is also being transmitted herewith a list of former inmates of the Rahway Reformatory, Rahway, New Jersey, who were released between the same dates indicated above, and it is also requested that these prints be compared with the unidentified latent prints.

Very truly yours,

*T. J. Donegan*  
T. J. DONEGAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JUNIOR,  
President, General  
Motors Corporation -  
Victim. EXTORTION.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Railway Reformatory Number</u>
William Blum	11565
Benjamin F. Morris	11161
Carmill Raywood	11107
Joseph Hall	11712
James Kaesand	11112
James Lemeth	11152
James Taylor	11717
Michael Shormack	11121
William Thomas	10509
Henry Myers	11121
Sam Eggelston	11193
John Ross	11109
Sidney Enzer	11120
James Jones	11798
Nicholas Terebecki	11518
Steve Webber	11800
William Matthews	11858
James Bosko	13390
Tony Kosciukiewicz	10835
Edmund Brull	11589
Steve Fekete	11601
Nicholas Clebak	11057
Anthony Buccavento	11938
Richard Tague	11606
John Witkowski	11106
Edward Bishop	12813
Walter Michulick	11781
Joseph Pilorsky	11752
Nike Wesley	13726
Jean Louis Farhir	11832
Thomas L. Puryear	11931
George Howland	13533
Ernest Esposito	11819

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Barway Referratory Number</u>
Joseph Purlong	12232
Edward White	15308
James Johnson	15093
Richard Porman	15092
Peter Lesko	11839
Anthony Carone	13118
Jerry Luizza	15037
Tony Cannizzo	11875
Rauben Monroe	9510
Joseph Mickulick	11851
Joseph Cselengi	11922
Paul William Arway	11919
Robert S. Weeks	15133
Christopher Gathers	11529
Genaro Ferrante	15254
George LaPack	11772
Raymond Johnson	15049
Otis Applegate	15104
Alfair Cobbs	15042
Edward Cwiklinski	11838
Bernard Pratt	12117
Ray W. Borden	15161
Armond Tomaini	15231
Stephen Sipos	12973

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SIOGAARD, JUNIOR,  
President, General  
Motors Corporation -  
Victim. EXTORTION.

<u>Name</u>	<u>New Jersey State Prison Number</u>
John C. Callan	17809
Frederic R. Hill	18338
Rockelle Cooper	18348
Louis Woolley	18360
Lawrence Saines	17311
James Ayers	18098
Albert Leif	17712
Geo. Morehouse	17293
Leroy Wright	11684
Franklin Pulse	18226
Lester Andrews	18359
Billie Niel	18099
Henry Johnson	17052
Stephen Shepherd	17606
Lade Carroll	12576
Samuel Fredericks	18413
Wm. C. Suswell	17837
Eugene Summers	13283
Wm. Davis	8363
Laniel Burgess	15269
Elmer Halstury	15268
Alonzo Holmes	11495
Murdock Smith	17051
Charles Anderson	17876
Geo. Takacs	18002
Harry DeStephano	15738
Paul Ferretti	18027
Fred Cruso	17358
Claude Robinson	17336
Joseph Zielinski	17906
Jack Watson	17408
Angelo Asposito	15741
Chas. J. Cortez	18191

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<u>Name</u>	<u>New Jersey State Prison Number</u>
Chas. Forker	14240
Geo. Messner	17916
James Houston	17572
Albert Coughran	17745
John Cook	17744
Charles Locke	17790
Casper Lamoci	17508
Taylor W. Mathers	16854
Benj. Cox	17603
Elmer Morgan	16581
Vito DeGrippo	17573
Alex. Verona	17294
Paul Blake	13672

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO, California**

FILE NO. **9-8**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Seattle, Washington</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-24-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5-20-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. G. Ryan</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT Charles Green - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Extortion</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Records of U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island reflect that Charles Lente and E. R. Sherwood were transferred from that institution to the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth Penitentiary on October 1, 1931 and all records as to these prisoners likewise transferred to Leavenworth Penitentiary.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent H. K. Johnson, San Francisco, California dated May 8, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

--- At McNeil Island, Washington ---

At the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, on May 1, 1937, Special Agent H. K. Johnson, San Francisco, California, who was a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised that both Charles Lente and E. R. Sherwood, who were received from San Francisco, California on a mail train robbery charge, were transferred from McNeil Island to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas on October 1, 1931, after having been at the McNeil Island Penitentiary for approximately one week. Mr. Durbin stated that all records, including personal history and correspondence records of these two individuals were

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">MAY 28 1937</div>
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March 7, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.,  
President, General Motors Corporation;  
VICTIM - EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 27, 1938, advising that two Agents of your office interviewed William David Benjamin, who admitted writing numerous letters to prominent individuals requesting money for projects which he had in mind, but assuring the Agents that he would write no more letters requesting money of any one.

Attached hereto is one photostatic copy each of the following described letters and envelopes in which they were contained:

Letter addressed to Mr. Alfred Pritchard Sloan, postmarked at Los Angeles, California, January 11, 1938, signed "William David Benjamin".

Letter directed to Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., postmarked at Los Angeles, California, January 24, 1938, signed "Alfred P. Sloan Sr."

Letter directed to Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, postmarked at Los Angeles, California, January 6, 1938, signed "Father Antonious, O.F.M."

In connection with the above referred to letters, the Technical Laboratory has advised as follows:

"The handwriting on the extortion letters and envelopes designated by Laboratory #9-2777-43 Q15 and Q36; #9-2777-53 Q37 and Q40 was compared with the handwriting on the prior extortion letters submitted in connection with the cases entitled, William David Benjamin, George Peppardine, Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-2711 and William D. Benjamin, Subject; Doctor William Mayo, Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-701 and

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the conclusion was reached that the handwriting on these letters was written by the same person.

The questioned letter and envelope designated by Laboratory #9-2777-49 Q37 and Q38 were typewritten and the typewriting which appears on these specimens was compared with the typewritten letters previously received in connection with the case entitled, William David Benjamin, George Peppardine, Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-2911, which specimens were designated as 1 Q1 through Q3 and it was concluded that a different typewriter was used for specimens 9-2777-49 Q37 and Q38 than was used for specimens 9-2911-1 Q1 through Q3. The typewritten letters Q37 and Q38 in the instant case were produced on an Underwood typewriter equipped with Pica size type while the typewritten letters submitted in connection with the George Peppardine case were produced on a Woodstock typewriter equipped with Pica size type."

From the above, you will observe that William David Benjamin has continued to write letters despite his statement indicating that he would discontinue the practice of directing letters to prominent individuals requesting money for projects.

You are advised that the Bureau does not desire to contact the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C. concerning Benjamin and you are requested to discuss this matter with the appropriate United States Attorney in your district and call his attention particularly to the most recent letters written by Benjamin and ascertain his opinion as to the desirability of having Benjamin committed by the state authorities to a mental institution.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

Inclosure.

cc New York

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

MEMO

February 21, 1938.

9-2777

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HATTON

Re: Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan, Junior,  
President, General Motors Corporation -  
Victims; Extortion.

As requested in the Director's memorandum for the Technical  
Laboratory dated February 10, 1938 the following comparisons were made:

The handwriting on the extortion letters and envelopes  
designated by Laboratory #9-2777-49 Q37 and Q38; #9-2777-53 Q39 and Q40  
was compared with the handwriting on the script extortion letters  
submitted in connection with the cases entitled, William David Benjamin,  
George Pepperdine, Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-2911 and William D.  
Benjamin, Subject; Doctor William Mayo, Victim; Extortion, Bureau file  
#9-701 and the conclusion was reached that the handwriting on these  
letters was written by the same person.

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on these specimens was compared with the typewritten letters previously  
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George Pepperdine, Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-2911, which specimens  
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typewriter was used for specimens 9-2777-49 Q37 and Q38 than was used  
for specimens 9-2911-1 Q1 through Q3. The typewritten letters Q37 and Q38  
in the instant case were produced on an Underwood typewriter equipped  
with Pica size type while the typewritten letters submitted in connection  
with the George Pepperdine case were produced on a Woodstock typewriter  
equipped with Pica size type.

In accordance with the request set out in the Director's  
memorandum for the Technical Laboratory dated February 10, 1938 there  
are attached hereto for transmittal to Division the photographic copies  
of specimens #9-2777-49 Q37 through Q38 and #9-2777-53 Q39 and Q40.

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Respectfully,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

903 Pacific Commerce Building  
427 South Hill Street  
Los Angeles, California  
January 27, 1938

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. SLOAN,  
JR., President, General Motors  
Corporation; Victim - EXTORTION;  
(L. A. File No. 9-200)  
W. D. BENJAMIN; MAJOR EDWARD BOWES -  
Victim - EXTORTION (L.A. File 9-230)  
NORBERT L. SAMUELSON, alias WILLIAM  
DAVID BENJAMIN (Information Concerning)  
L. A. File No. 62-1440.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Bureau  
to the Los Angeles Office dated December 21, 1937, in the case "UNKNOWN  
SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President, General Motors Corporation -  
Victim - EXTORTION" (Bureau File No. 9-2777).

Special Agents Lish Whitson and G. J. Ross have  
reinterviewed WILLIAM DAVID BENJAMIN, who states that he admits writing  
numerous letters to prominent individuals requesting money for projects  
which he had in mind, but that since the twenty-ninth of December, all  
opportunity for putting his projects into operation has ceased. He  
assured Agents that he would write no more letters requesting money of  
anyone. His speech and appearance while discussing these matters with  
the Agents was such that they felt BENJAMIN to be of unsound mind.

BENJAMIN stated that he was receiving \$37.80 com-  
pensation each month from the United States Government, and that his "C"  
Number was 1,345,969.

MR. H. C. CARRICK, Contact Officer at the Veterans'  
Administration Facility, West Los Angeles, California, advised Agent  
Whitson that WILLIAM DAVID BENJAMIN was enrolled August 22, 1917, in  
the First Battery, Second Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Fort Snelling,  
Minnesota, and was discharged at his own request on November 1, 1917.  
On August 17, 1926, JULIA BENJAMIN, his mother, was appointed his guardian  
in Hennepin County, Minnesota. His condition has been diagnosed as follows:

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Handwritten signatures and initials, including a large "X" and "HLS".



Director

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January 27, 1938

Dementia Paranoiac type--with history of religious fanaticism; Otitis Media Non-suppurative, right; Defective hearing right; Pyorrhea.

CARRICK advised that BENJAMIN'S last examination by the Veterans' Bureau was on December 29, 1937, at which time he was declared competent. CARRICK stated that at no time had the Veterans' Bureau file reflected that BENJAMIN was still writing the fantastic letters involved in the instant cases.

It is merely suggested that the Bureau present the facts in the case involving BENJAMIN to the Veterans' Bureau in Washington and ascertain from the Veterans' Bureau the desirability of having BENJAMIN committed to some mental institution.

Very truly yours,



J. H. HANSON

Special Agent in Charge

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cc - New York City  
Denver, Colorado

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January 28, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior -  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

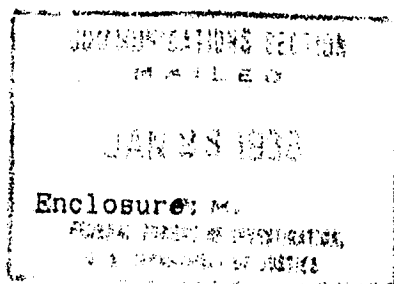
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau January 21, 1938.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

January 28, 1938.

Case: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior - President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-49

Specimens: 9-2777-49 Q35 One envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, California,  
Arcade Annex, January 11, 1938, 5 P. M."  
" Q36 Accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Like a  
drowning\*\*\*", (consisting of two pages).  
" Q37 One envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, California,  
Metropolitan Station, January 6, 1938, 3 P. M."  
" Q38 Accompanying typewritten letter beginning "In my  
orders\*\*\*".

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: January 21, 1938

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination: Examination by: Lovett

In accordance with your suggestion, no examination is being made  
of the present specimens.

Photographic copies of the evidence submitted are being transmitted  
herewith.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE  
IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE  
THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP  
THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

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January 20, 1938

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Att: TECHNICAL LABORATORY.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior - President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim.  
Extortion. (Bureau file 9-2777)

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a letter postmarked January 11, 1938, 5 P.M., Arcade Annex, Los Angeles, Cal., addressed to Mr. Alfred Pritchard Sloan, beginning, "My Dear Mr. Sloan, Like a drowning man..." and ending, "I am, William David Benjamin, 253 West 47th Street, Los Angeles, Cal." This letter was apparently written by the signer, who has been writing rather regularly to Mr. Sloan. No request is made for any laboratory examination of this enclosure, it merely being suggested that the same be placed in the Bureau's files for possible future reference.

There is also enclosed an original letter postmarked January 6, 1938, 3 P.M., Los Angeles, Cal., Air Mail, Special Delivery, addressed to Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, 820 Fifth Ave., New York, New York, beginning "Mr. Alfred P. Sloan. My Dear Sir: In my orders to come to this city..." and ending with: "you will be repaid within a year at most. Sincerely in Christ, Father Antonious, O.F.M." It is believed that this communication, which is typewritten, was also sent to Mr. Sloan by the above-mentioned Mr. Benjamin, but the original and two photostatic copies are being forwarded in order that samples of the typing may be in the possession of the Technical Laboratory in the event future typewritten letters are sent to other persons.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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is now given a few hours in which to do as his father directed and unless he complies he knows not the hour when he will be called to give an explanation of his refusal and the giving of this other sum which will come to no good. He was told why he was asked to help Benjamin found this new institute and can now see from the statement of the japs what is their aim and unless Benjamin founds his program and makes atonement by same, appeasing the Triune God, all the wealth of the white race will be confiscated and they made paupers because not one could be found who would have faith. This man Benjamin has been greatly favored by Almighty God and will begin a great work. Sloan at his fathers command will loan this Benjamin three million dollars and wire it to him at once. It is not man asking same but the Triune God who created him and will all to soon judge him. The threat his servant made against this man would bring great damages if he present same in court and has proven himself a gentleman when he did not do so even after a chief justice ruled that he should. Say to A.P. Sloan that Frank Billings Kellogg and Newton Baker say to tell him that purgation is a fact and they are there and will remain so for a long time but that Sloan owes it to his father to relieve him and since it is Gods Holy Will he will act at once.

Then with instructions to me relative to what I should council Benjamin is doing he was gone proving to me that he came direct from Heaven to address me.

I do not know what more to add. It seems impossible that any man of the means would allow his own parent to suffer when by a loan he could release him. You perhaps have some reason but let me assure you that Almighty God has spoken and I am but the humble servant used to give same to you. I am not so good with the English so ask you pardon all my errors. I shall not mention to Benjamin as he is writing you but I ask in the name of Almighty God and this beloved Father of yours that you hasten to comply with their desire. I can give you many facts proving the facts but is it necessary. I have made plans that he will be able to get the property at once provided you help. In the event you will not or desire more information wire me at once. I have fears that Almighty God may make his desire known before long and in a way that cannot be repudiated and which will bring sorrow for all eternity. I can say in conclusion that if you will not believe unless you see your own father and talk to him that same will be granted but the result will cause you untold agony. Let me say in conclusion that I have read the facts. Benjamin was right when he said that Japan would make slaves of the Chinese and together whip Russia, causing revolt in all India and they together making slaves of the white race. God has given a revelation in man has made demands, the greatest of which is that Benjamin establish his program and it is with the loan of three million that he will do this. You can wire him at his residence, 232 West 47th street, that you are sending your draft and can assure you that you will be repaid within a year at most.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Frank Kellogg*  
Father & Son, Inc.

likewise transferred to the Leavenworth Penitentiary at the time these two prisoners were sent to that institution. Mr. Durbin stated that there is a possibility that Charles Berta might now be confined in the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California in view of the previous record of this individual, but that this was merely an opinion on his part and that he was not certain that he had been later transferred to Alcatraz.

Since the latest available information as to Charles Berta and E. R. Sherwood is that they were confined to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, a lead is being set out to the Kansas City Division to conduct the investigation requested in reference report relative to these individuals and for the assistance of the Kansas City Division in conducting this investigation a copy of the reference report of Special Agent H. K. Johnson is being furnished the Kansas City Division with a copy of this report.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION:** At Leavenworth, Kansas will secure from the files of the U. S. Penitentiary at that place the information relative to the correspondence, relatives and visitors of E. R. Sherwood and Charles Berta as requested in the reference report being attached hereto.

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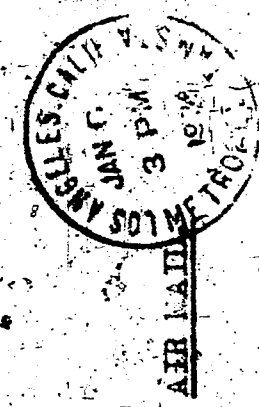
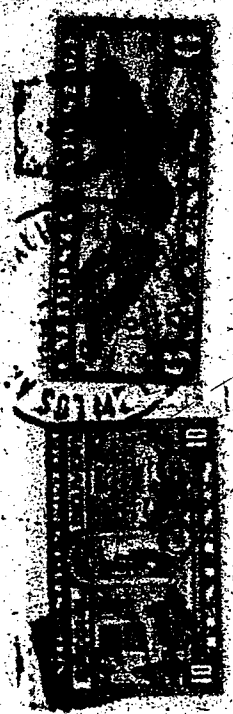
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Sincerely in Christ,



Father Antinous, O.F.M.



Mr. Alfred P. Sloan,  
820 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, New York,

PERSONAL.

Los Angeles,  
January 6th, 1939.

Mr. Alfred P. Sloan.  
My Dear Sir:

In my orders to come to this way to consult with the subject of this epistle and bringing the command of the ruler of Christendom that Mr. Benjamin put in writing every instance in connection with the manifestations made and his desire to found a religious institute of which I am but within the hour made to understand that you are fully conversant with; I had no idea that I was to meet with the experience that has been mine.

Had Mr. Benjamin any information as to my coming or did he know that years ago I knew a very holy man in Padua, then I might have some misgivings.

I had telephoned to Mr. Benjamin for an appointment when suddenly I saw standing before the desk the famed Father Urban of Padua, long dead.

When I asked him in the name of God what he desired he made answer as follows,

Almighty God sends me to you with this declaration, Before going further you tell Alfred Ritchard Sloan of 820 Fifth Ave., New York that no matter what he wishes to think and his giving the late ten million will in no way do one whit of good the fact remains that his beloved Father remains in the fire of purgation and will do so until his son fulfills the wish made or that the son enters the same state to remain there until atonement is done. He

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December 31, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
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General Motors Corporation, Victim;  
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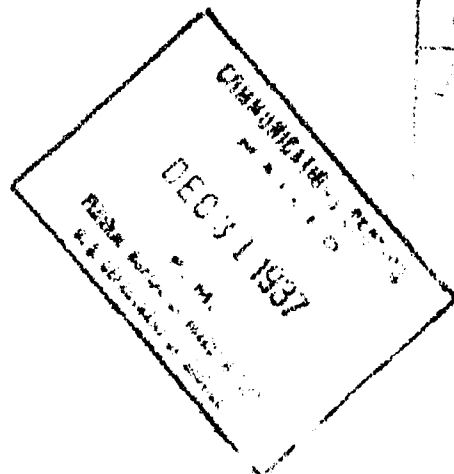
Dear Sir:

A review of the file reflects that the latest report submitted by your office relative to the above captioned case is that of Special Agent C. I. Lord dated Newark, New Jersey, September 20, 1937.

You are requested to submit a report to the Bureau at an early date incorporating therein the results of the investigation conducted in this case subsequent to the submission of the above referred to report.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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